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SPAIN.

Rumor that Montpensier is to be Proclaimed King.

LONDON, Saturday, March 27.

Advices from Spain render it certain that MONTPENSIER will be proclaimed King. He will arrive in Spain within a fortnight, on the iron-clad *Victoria*, now at Lisbon.

FRANCE.

The Emperor Demands an Explanation of Prussia.

PARIS, Saturday, March 27.

The *Gaulois* (newspaper) says that the Emperor NAPOLEON has demanded an explanation of the King of Prussia in regard to the recent mobilization of troops in the Western Provinces.

JAPAN.

Loss of the Pacific Mail Steamship Herman.

LONDON, Saturday, March 27.

Telegrams from Hong Kong, received to-day, report the total loss of Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *Herman*, seventy miles north of Yokohama. She had a large number of Japanese troops on board, all of whom were drowned.

CUBA.

A Schooner Wrecked—Seizure of a Steamer by the Revolutionists.

HAVANA, Friday, March 26.

The schooner *Virginia Price*, from Manzanillo, for New-York, with lumber, was wrecked Saturday on the Jardinallos reefs, and became a total loss. The crew were saved.

The steamer *Comanditario*, the regular packet between Havana and Cardenas, left this port on Tuesday evening last for her regular trip to Cardenas, carrying about forty passengers. Nothing was heard of the steamer after ward until to-day, and fears were entertained for her safety. The news received to-night, however, announces that several of the passengers of this steamer who had lately been prisoners in Fort Cabanas, threatened the crew, took possession of the steamer and disembarked the lady passengers, a portion of the crew and the Captain at Roques Key, near Cardenas. The *Comanditario* then proceeded, it is supposed, to Nassau, N. P. The disembarked crew and passengers were subsequently taken up at Roques Key and carried to Cardenas.

HAVANA, Saturday, March 27.

The report published here a few days ago that a heavy battle had been fought between the Government troops under General PUELLO, and insurgents in the Eastern Department, at some point on the road from Remedios to Moron, is untrue. The engagement was only a slight skirmish between the troops of General PUELLO and 800 insurgents.

The United States flagship *Contoocook*, Admiral HOFF commanding, arrived here to-day from Key West.

The steamer *Comanditario*, which was lately taken possession of by her passengers, carried but one day's supply of coal. Vessels which arrived here to-day report seeing the *Comanditario* off Styrup Keys, under sail. Others report seeing her anchored off the Bahama Banks, 100 miles from Nassau. A Spanish man-of-war has gone in pursuit of her.

Captain-General DULCE has appointed MINANO Governor of Trinidad, in place of PATMO.

Intelligence received from Sagua is to the effect that a party of young Cubans had organized themselves into a military company, with the intention of joining the insurgents. They were betrayed, however, by one of their number, and all, including MEDURO, the reputed leader, imprisoned.

The Havana journals publish dispatches from all parts of the island. The news received is favorable to the Government. Reports of several skirmishes between the troops and insurgents have been received.

Advices from Porto-au-Prince to the 18th inst. have been received. SALNAVE was in a precarious situation, owing to the state of finances. The navy had not received any pay for three months, and there was a murmuring feeling at the capital against SALNAVE. The blacks were jealous of the whites, and assassinations were feared. A petition was in circulation praying for the blockading of the Port of Aux Cayes. Gold was 270 premium.

The steamer *Comercio* has been armed and fitted out as a gunboat, and to-day sailed from Cardenas to intercept an expedition expected from Nassau.

The Peruvian monitor remained four days at Puerto Naranjo, four leagues from Gibara, during which time the crew were engaged in cutting wood for the purpose of supplying steam.

PARAGUAY.

General Polydoro in Command of the Allies.

PARIS, Saturday, March 27.

Late Rio Janeiro letters received here state that General POLYDORO has been assigned to the command of the allied forces now in Paraguay.

The Paraguayans, at a recent assemblage in Acunsion, adopted a petition praying the Allies to form a Provisional Government, with that city as its capital.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

Arrival of the Turkish Minister in Greece.

ATHENS, Saturday, March 27.

PHOTIADES BEY, the Turkish Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary, has arrived from Constantinople, and resumed amicable relations in behalf of his Government with the Grecian Court.

Arrest of Suspected Burglars in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., Saturday, March 27.

Several burglaries were committed in this city last night. The coal offices of JOSHUA VAN NAME and JOHN C. BOICE, on Railroad-avenue, and ABRAHAM JEROLAMON'S jewelry factory, on Hamilton-street, were broken open; and burglars' tools were found scattered on the floor of the factory. The officers discovered a man in an adjoining alley who resisted desperately, but was arrested, and gave his name as JOHN COLBERT, of Grand-street, Jersey City. Subsequently two men, evidently confederates of COLBERT, entered the depot to take the "Owl train," at 4 o'clock this morning, for New-York. One of them yielded, after offering some resistance to the policemen. He gave his name as JOHN MARTIN, of New-York. The other man escaped by slipping out of both of his coats, leaving the garments in the hands of the officer. He fired a pistol at his pursuer, and eluded further pursuit by entering some vacant buildings near the Chestnut-street Depot. The captured men were committed for trial. They failed to obtain any plunder.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Suit for Damages Against a Newspaper—A Singular Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Saturday, March 27.

The steamer *Great Republic*, from Hong Kong, was telegraphed off the Heads at 5 o'clock P. M.

In the libel suit of Captain H. O. WINSOR against the *Evening Bulletin* for $50,000 damages, the jury were absent three minutes and rendered a verdict for the defendants, the alleged libel consisting in stating that WINSOR, while in command of the ship *Intrepid* on a voyage from New York in 1867, was dissipated and treated his sailors brutally, and finally set one of his seamen adrift in an open boat off Easter Island. The man has never been heard from, and is since supposed to have perished.

About two hundred and fifty bags of delayed overland mail were received here this evening.

Flour is in light export demand; sales at $4 50 @$5 50. Wheat quiet at $1 45@$1 65. Legal tenders 74¼.

Mining stocks, during the week, have been active, and closed with an upward tendency. The Bullion Company have levied an assessment of $10 a share. The Sierra Nevada Company have levied an assessment of $8 a share. Alpha, $34; Belcher, $19; Bullion, $15; Chollar, $175; Confidence, $30; Crown Point, $72; Empire Mill, $65; Gould & Curry, $115; Hale & Norcross, $92; Imperial, $94; Kentuck, $259; Occidental, $29; Ophir, $32; Overman, $58; Savage, $75; Sierra Nevada, $46; Yellow Jacket, $61.

The Mobile Races.

MOBILE, Ala., Saturday, March 27.

The Spring meeting of the Mobile Jockey Club closed to-day. Notwithstanding the cloudy and dull appearance of the day, there was a good attendance.

The first race was a sweepstakes for two-year olds, $25 entrance p. p., $600 added by the Club; mile heats. The following is the summary:

W. Cotrill's ch. f. Carrie P., by Daniel Boone, dam Lilly Ward, by Lexington	1 1
Richards & Kilgour's ch. c. John Kilgour, by imported Mickey Free	2 2

Time—1:52½; 1:51½.

The second race was a sweepstakes for three-year olds, $25 entrance, p. p., $500 added by the Club, two mile heats, and was walked over by T. G. MOORE'S b. c. *Bayonet*, by *Lexington*, dam *Bay Leaf*, by imp. *Yorkshire*, *Nellie McDonald*, *Locust Post* and *Bettie Bay* paying forfeit.

The third race, for the Mobile Register Purse of $250, a dash of one and three-quarter miles, was won by T. G. MOORE'S gr. h. *Stonewall Jackson*, six years old, by *Lightning*, dam *Edith*, by *Sovereign*, beating A. KEENE RICHARDS' b. c. *Locust Post*, by *Young Melbourne*, dam by *Vincent Nolte*, in 3:12½.

The fourth race—the Merchants' Post Stake, for all ages, $100 entrance, play or pay, $1,000 added by the Club, three mile heats—closed with three subscribers. The race was won by *Privateer*, beating *Jennie C*, second; *Agnes Donovan* distanced in first heat. Time—5:52¼, 7:05.

The fifth race was for a purse of $250, for beaten horses, and was won by *Bettie Bay*, beating *Push Brodnax*, distanced, in 1:51¼.

A Cork Legged Robber in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Saturday, March 27.

CHARLES MORRIS, a cork-legged robber, implicated in the SCHLEVKER robbery of last Wednesday, was arrested last night. On his person was found $1,500 in cash and a gold watch valued at $250.

The testimony in the contest of P. W. STRADERS' seat in Congress, from the First District, by BENJAMIN EGGLESTON, commenced to-day before Judge COX.

JESSE R. GRANT arrived from Washington to-night.

The Buffalo Board of Trade and the Canals.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Saturday, March 27.

The Board of Trade, after an animated discussion, this morning, indorsed the resolutions adopted March 23, by the New-York City Produce Exchange, favoring the enlarging and improvement of canals in this State, and a general reform in the management of the same. There was only one dissenting vote.

Detectives Working up the Philadelphia Murder Case.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Saturday, March 27.

There are no new developments in regard to the death of Mr. SMITH, the janitor of Girard Hall. Detectives are working energetically, but thus far have been unsuccessful in obtaining the slightest clue which would lead to the detection of the perpetrators.

Discharge Under President Johnson's Pardon.

BOSTON, Saturday, March 27.

JAMES D. MARTIN, late Cashier of the Hide and Leather Bank, was to-day discharged by order of the United States Circuit Court, in accordance with President JOHNSON'S pardon. Two other indictments charging MARTIN with embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud, were produced by the Government Attorney, on which he gave bail in $30,000 to answer.

A Detroit Broker Robbed of $5,000 by Confidence Men.

DETROIT, Saturday, March 27.

ALVAN WILKINS, a stock broker, was yesterday robbed of $5,000 in bonds by confidence men, who had the desk arranged so that when the bonds were put in the pigeon-hole they were immediately abstracted. The swindlers have reached Canada safely.

Removal of Governor Wells by General Stoneman.

RICHMOND, Va., Saturday, March 27.

General STONEMAN to-day issued an order removing Governor WELLS, and assuming the duties of the office himself.

Mayor BURGESS, of Petersburg, was also removed from office.

Court of Appeals Calendar for Monday.

ALBANY, Saturday, March 27.

The following is the Court of Appeals day calendar for Monday, March 29, 1869, when the Court will reassemble at 4 o'clock P. M.: Nos. 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 55 and 56.

The Steamer Kennebec Disabled and Towed Into Saco.

BOSTON, Saturday, March 27.

The steamer off Wood Island in a disabled condition, was the *Kennebec*. She was towed into Saco yesterday by a fisherman.

Ladies elected to Office in New-Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., Saturday March 27.

The wife of Alderman WILLIAM BROWN, and Mrs. CHANDLER EASTMAN, have been elected members of the School Committee at West Concord. The Board consists of five.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Open.

SCRANTON, Penn., Saturday, March 27.

All the breaks on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and Canal have been repaired, and the whole line is again open.

General Sheridan Assumes Command of the Division of Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, March 27.

General SHERIDAN has issued a general order assuming command of the Military Division of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BOSTON, March 27.—In the Criminal Court, to-day, JOHN A. MACAUSLAND and DENNIS SULLIVAN were each sentenced to five years in the State Prison for robbing FEDERHEN'S jewelry store of a lot of valuable diamond rings, &c.

SALEM, Ohio, March 27.—THOMAS S. WOODS, editor of the Ohio *Patriot* and a prominent politician of Columbiana County, died in this city yesterday.

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario, March 27.—BENJAMIN MILLER and CLAY MATHEWS were before the Police Magistrate to-day, charged with waylaying and robbing JAMES VANOTTER, of Johnstown, N. Y., in October last. The charge was proved, and the prisoners committed for extradition.

CALAIS, Me., March 27.—The ice went out of the St. Croix River this morning.

WASHINGTON.

The Contest between the Senate and the House on the Tenure-of-Office Bill—Great Reduction of the Clerical Force in the Departments—Discharge of Female Clerks.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 27.

The general topic of conversation was the probable action of the Senate on Monday on the Tenure-of-Office Act bill. Those of that body in favor of total repeal are sanguine that the Senate will recede from its position, while the opposite party maintain a discreet silence, and, as a general thing, are averse to discussing the subject. The outside pressure in favor of total repeal is very great, and popular opinion to-night is that the Senate will pass the House bill.

Neither branch of Congress was in session to-day, and members of both Houses devoted themselves to what is called department work, in other words, to the interests of their office-holding and office-seeking, and private business.

THE THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Hon. READER. W. CLARKE, who was confirmed as Third Auditor of the Treasury Department, has taken the oath of office, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties on Monday. It is rumored that there will be a pretty clean sweep in that office. There are at present 360 clerks engaged in the Bureau, but the law allows but 273; ninety-four have been detailed from the Register's, Treasurer's, and other bureaus of the Treasury to the Third Auditor's, but are paid out of the appropriations for the bureau from which they are detailed. These will be sent back to their respective bureaus, and if there is not room for them there, of course they must be removed. It is more than probable that there will be a large reduction in the clerical force.

THE PRINTING BUREAU.

Numerous changes will take place after the first of the month in the Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department. About seventy female and some fifteen male employes have been notified that their services will be dispensed with after the first of next month. This reduction in the force, it is estimated, will reduce the expenses of the Bureau some $7,000 or $8,000 a month. Seventy-five females employed in the folding-room of the Government Printing Office were discharged to-day. An additional number have been employed for some time upon the Agricultural Report in pasting in the illustrations, a new feature. This work being completed, necessitates the present discharge, which, however, only reduces the force to the regular number. A number of females now employed in the sewing-room of the bindery will be discharged on Tuesday next.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SYSTEM.

It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the consent of the President, have determined to make a clean sweep of any number of Internal Revenue officials in Pennsylvania, consisting of collectors, assessors, storekeepers and gaugers.

THE CUBAN ENVOY.

Señor LEUMS, the Envoy from the Provisional Government of Cuba, and Señor VALIENTE left here this morning for New-York, but expect to return in the course of a few days.

VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

A large number of visitors called at the White House to-day, among them Colonel T. B. THORPE, of Mexican fame, but the President was too unwell to receive any one. His illness does not seem to be serious, but is a temporary prostration, from the overwork and the cares of his position since his inauguration.

GENERAL SICKLES.

By direction of the Secretary of War, Brevet Major-General DANIEL E. SICKLES, Colonel Forty-second United States Infantry Veteran Reserve Corps, will, at his own request, report to General MCDOWELL, President of the Retiring Board of New York.

PENNSYLVANIANS CALL UPON SECRETARY BORIE.

The Pennsylvanians sojourning and residing here called on Secretary BORIE to-day, and Mr. JOS. W. WILSON, in a neat address, introduced them to the Secretary, who responded in appropriate terms.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 27.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Hon. WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was sworn in to-day. It is understood there will be considerable reduction in all the Bureaus of the Treasury Department on the 1st proximo, and that the dismissals will be made from the least efficient and most obnoxious, politically, of the employes.

TREASURY STATISTICS.

The amount of fractional currency received during the week from the Printing Bureau was $428,626. The shipments to the Assistant Treasurer at New-York were $200,000; to New-Orleans, $100,000; to national banks, $152,253. Treasurer SPINNER holds in trust for national banks as security for circulation, $342,740,100, and for public deposits, $32,413,350. The national currency issued during the week amounted to $159,160, and the total to date is $313,460,896. The mutilated bills returned amounted to $12,506,175; insolvent bank notes returned, $1,058,398; fractional currency redeemed during the week, $563,335. The total circulation at this date is $299,896,323.

REGISTER OF THE TREASURY.

There seems to be no doubt that a Register of the Treasury will be nominated on Monday next.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

N. A. H. BALL was to-day appointed Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the Department of California, Utah and Arizona, in place of CHARLES L. WIGGINS.

HON. GEORGE A. HALSEY.

It is understood that Hon. GEORGE A. HALSEY, of New-Jersey, who was recently offered the Registership of the Treasury, is yet undecided whether he will accept that position, being divided between his business interests and his desire to serve the Government as a Bureau officer. He will probably decide one way or the other to-day.

AN APPOINTMENT.

Mr. JULES GOLAY, a clerk in the Treasury Department, has been appointed assistant to the Chief of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

SEIZURE OF DISTILLERIES IN TENNESSEE.

J. J. NOAH, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the District of Tennessee, has reported to the Bureau information of an additional seizure of eight illicit distilleries in the Fourth District in that State, where the troops are helping him.

HEALTH OF EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Surgeon BASIL NORRIS, of the United States Army, telegraphs to-night from Greenville that Ex-President JOHNSON suffered intensely from neuralgia, with calculus. He is relieved, however, and on his feet again.

ORDER FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

The following has just been issued:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, March 27.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 28.—The following orders have been received from the War Department, and are published for the government of all concerned:

WAR DEPARTMENT, March 26.

By direction of the President, the order of the Secretary of War, dated War Department, March 5, published in General Orders No. 11, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant-General's Office, dated March 8, except so much as directs General W. T. SHERMAN to "assume command of the army of the United States," all is hereby rescinded. All official business which by law or regulations require the action of the President or Secretary of War will be submitted by the Chiefs of Staff of Corps, Departments and Bureaus, to the Secretary of War. All orders and instructions relating to military operations issued by the President or Secretary of War, will be issued through the General of the Army.

(Signed,) JOHN A. RAWLINS,
Secretary of War.

By command of General SHERMAN.

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

The Secretary of Navy to-day, in General Orders No. 118, approves the finding and acquittal of Captain JAMES H. STRONG, late of the *Canandaigua*, who was tried by court-martial.

By direction of the Secretary of War, Brevet Major-General Daniel E. Sickles, Colonel of the Forty-second Infantry, Veteran Reserve Corps, is ordered, at his own request, to report for examination to Major-General McDowell, President of the Retiring Board at New-York. Brevet Major-General Adelbert Ames, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, is assigned to duty as Assistant Commissary of the Freedmen's Bureau, for Mississippi. Brevet Major-General J. J. Reynolds, Colonel of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, is assigned to duty as Assistant Commissioner of the same Bureau for Texas. Signal Officers Captain E. B. Ames, of the Seventh Infantry, First-Lieutenant Henry Jackson, of the Seventh Cavalry, and Brevet Captain A. W. Preston, Second-Lieutenant, Eighth Cavalry, are relieved from duty in the Signal Corps and ordered to their several regiments. Brevet Major-General T. J. Cram, Colonel, United States Army, retired, is assigned to duty in the improvement of the St. Clair Flats, in Michigan. Major Walter McFarland, of the Corps of Engineers, is assigned to the charge of the harbor improvements on Lake Erie west of Cleveland, of Lake Ontario and of St. Mary's River, and of the construction of Fort Wayne, Michigan, in addition to his present duties. Surgeon W. R. Schofield is ordered to the naval rendezvous at Boston. Commander James W. Sibrie is ordered to duty at the Navy Department. Commodore James H. Gillies is ordered to the Washington Navy-yard as Equipment Officer. Local Commander A. G. Kellogg and Lieutenant D. C. Woodrow have been placed on waiting orders. Acting Master Edwin Dobson and Acting Ensigns J. O. Winchester and L. A. Waterman have been mustered out of the service.

The President and the Tenure-of-Office Law—The Contest Between the Senate and the House.

From the Evening Post.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 27.

The action of the House yesterday, in refusing to non-concur in the Senate amendment to the Tenure-of-Office bill, will prolong the settlement of this vexed question, if it does not prevent any further legislation on this subject. Senators who have not been active in trying to retain the present law, although favoring it, now say that if the House proposes to insist upon its total repeal, they will take an open stand in the Senate against modifying the law at all. They assert that the present amendment was agreed upon against the wishes of the majority of the Republican Senators, as a compromise measure, and to prevent dissensions in the Republican ranks; and that if the House will not accept it in this spirit, then they can only blame themselves if the present law is left upon the statute book unchanged and unaltered. There seems to be much warm feeling among those Senators who are opposed to a repeal, on this subject, and there is little hopes of the matter being settled in a manner which will be satisfactory to General BUTLER and his followers in the House. Three days ago your correspondent telegraphed, upon the authority of a prominent Senator, that the amendment as passed by the Senate was satisfactory to President GRANT. Now, however, I have reason to believe that the Senator misapprehended General GRANT'S exact remarks. The amendment is not satisfactory to General GRANT, unless it is found to be impossible to obtain a total repeal of the bill. President GRANT does not consider the amended bill as objectionable as the original bill, as has been said; but still there are many features in it which he does not approve, and which, in his judgment, ought to be done away with when should the House reconsider the action of yesterday, and agree to the Senate amendment, it is in nowise certain that the President will then make such wholesale removals as the most ardent politicians and leading Republicans desire. After a thorough canvass of the field, your correspondent feels fully satisfied that the Senate will not agree to any further concessions or modifications of the law, nor is there any disposition to yield the principle contained in it.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPE AND CUBA.

The General Transatlantic Company's steamship *Europe*, from Havre, March 10, and Brest March 12, reached this port yesterday. The Cunard steamship *Cuba*, from Liverpool, March 16, and Queenstown, March 17, arrived at Boston simultaneously. The latest advices thus received are fresher by three days than those already at hand. An interesting account of matters in Spain is given below.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

Recent Proceedings in the Cortes—The Duke de Montpensier and His Adherents—Exciting Parliamentary Incident—Scenes and Speeches.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Tuesday, March 9, 1869.

The proceedings in the Cortes yesterday were of a very exciting character. By a system of skilful tactics, which has enabled them to give the Government several serious checks since the commencement of the session, the Republicans succeeded on this occasion in provoking the leading members of the Administration to show their hands in the game that is being played to impose the Duc DE MONTPENSIER on the country. The result, it will be seen, has been to replace the Government in the false position from which it had relieved itself, by its declarations of absolute neutrality and submission to the will of the Cortes. The more unreflecting portion of the Duke's partizans, nevertheless, think that his cause has gained greatly from this discussion, but his more sagacious friends shake their heads on the better founded belief that it has inflicted a serious injury upon it. The country will resent indignantly the duplicity that has been practiced on its regard, and the majority, which is anything but harmonious in its views respecting the claims of the several candidates, will be broken up on a question all discussion of which should have been postponed until the Constitution and other necessary measures of legislation had been adopted.

The way the incident originated was this: You will remember that in my last letter I stated that a deputy named CARO had given notice of an interpkllation in reference to the Duc DE MONTPENSIER, or rather Don ANTONIO DE BOURBON, of Bourbon, as he styled him. When it came up in its regular course yesterday, Señor CARO reminded the Chamber that the revolution had been effected by the cry of "Down with the BOURBONS," and that the Minister of War had recently re-echoed that sentiment in a somewhat different, but not less energetic form. It followed that the members of that dynasty had ceased to be monarchs, Infantas, dignitaries or functionaries. The Duc DE MONTPENSIER being a Bourbon, had forfeited his position of Captain-General, and his aides-de-camp were consequently not entitled to receive pay.

The Minister of War (PRIM) said that the answer which he was called upon to make to the question presented some difficulties, because the words that he might utter would probably be interpreted in a sense different from that which he intended to convey. They would, therefore, permit him to weigh his reply carefully, and to say as little on the subject as he could avoid. The Government could not act otherwise than it had done in regard to the Duc DE MONTPENSIER. Born of the revolution itself, it found the Duke expatriated by the Government which had preceded it. He would not enter upon the motives of his banishment, although he might be permitted to say that they were of a nature to diminish the unfavorable impressions of his colleagues of the left in regard to the Duke. The Provisional Government had found him in the position of Captain-General, and had seen him promptly recognize the revolution. They had therefore continued to acknowledge his title to his position in the army, because they felt that the cry of "Down with the BOURBONS" was never intended to apply to a man who was banished by the previous Government, and who was not only not a legitimate heir to the throne in virtue of what was called "divine right," but who did not appear then to be likely in any case to be called to succeed to it. He could not understand why this anathema should be pronounced against the Duke, who certainly in no way deserved it.

This speech, guarded as were its terms, created a great deal of surprise. It seemed as if PRIM had made a sudden *demi-volte* in favor of the Union-Liberal candidate. The suspicion was still further strengthened by the conduct of the *Iberia*, the Minister of the Interior's organ, which, after declaring that it would prefer the Republic to the Duc DE MONTPENSIER, has veered round within a few days of the publication of this declaration. Señor CARO, in reply to General PRIM'S remarks, expressed his astonishment at the exception made in favor of the Duke, seeing that the Government had deprived the Infant Don SEBASTIAN, who was also Captain-General, of his rank. M. CASTELAR observed that the recognition of the grade held by the Duke was an express acknowledgment of the rights of the fallen dynasty. If the Duke, who was a foreigner, had rendered services, and shed his blood, it was in a foreign army. He had never commanded a Spanish army, nor even a simple squadron. His title was purely honorary, and was entirely due to his marriage. All the members of royal families were identified in interests with their chiefs. Prince NAPOLEON, after having denounced the *coup d' etat* in the French Assembly, did not the less profit by the privileges of his birth when his cousin was made Emperor. The Prince DE JOINVILLE, although disapproving of the conduct of his father, LOUIS PHILIPPI, had not the less followed him into exile. The Duke of Syracuse conspired against the Bourbons of Naples, his own dynasty, and yet he fell with it. He could not understand how the the Minister of War derived his impression that the Duke DE MONTPENSIER was not included in the cry of "Down with the BOURBONS" launched by the revolution. As regarded himself he would never give his consent to a foreign Prince occupying the position of Chief of the State in his country, because it would perpetuate their historical misfortunes and become the proof of their irremediable decadence. In the accession of this Prince he could only see a demi-restoration, and consequently loss of liberty to the country.

Here a fresh indiscretion was committed on the Ministerial side. The Minister of Marine, (TOPETE,) who is very impulsive, and who had evidently felt great difficulty in restraining himself during this discussion, put in his oar in the most blundering style imaginable. Replying to Señor CASTELAR'S question as to the claims of the Duc DE MONTPENSIER, he stated that on several occasions His Royal Highness wanted to go to Africa, but could not obtain leave to do so. [Laughter on the Opposition benches.] If he had not gone on board the *Saragossa* it was because he (the Minister) had informed him that he could NOT allow it. It was not necessary for him to recapitulate the history of the events of that period on the present occasion. All that he desired to add, in reply to Señor CASTELAR'S observation that he did not want a foreign Prince, was that, for his part, sooner than see a Republic, he would vote for the Duc DE MONTPENSIER.

You can have no idea of the storm of indignation to which this declaration gave rise in all parts of the Chamber, the galleries joining in the demonstration. General PRIM, thereupon, got up and said that he could not comprehend the emotion produced by the observations of his colleague the Minister of Marine. The Opposition declared that they preferred the Republic, and Admiral TOPETE, with the frankness that characterized him had said that he would accept the Duc DE MONTPENSIER in preference to that form of Government. Surprise had been expressed that not having recognized Don SEBASTIAN as Captain-General, the Government should not have pursued the same course in regard to the Duc DE MONTPENSIER. The circumstances, however, were not the same. The Duc DE MONTPENSIER had not placed himself at the head of a band of Carlists, or waited several years before he had recognized the Constitution, as was the case with Don SEBASTIAN. M. CASTELAR again ridiculed the pretensions of the Orleans Prince, and said that in no case would he and those who acted with him accept a foreign Prince as their ruler, in the event of the Monarchy being decided upon. What they wanted and would struggle for was the government of the people by the people. M. FIGUERAS, after dwelling on the blunder made by the Government in not submitting this question to the country at once on their entry into power, observed that it was plain that, in order to maintain some degree of cohesion in the Ministry, sacrifices of opinion were being made, which, sooner or later, would be paid for by the blood of the people. Combining with what had fallen from General PRIM what Admiral TOPETE had said, it could no longer be doubted that a certain idea was making progress and would soon open itself a road. It was to this idea that they owed the five months of Provisional Government through which they had passed and which had compromised the results which they had hoped for from the revolution. What would have been said if the Republicans had acted in this way even to secure the triumph of an idea which had nothing personal in it like that to which he had alluded. They would have been told that they wanted to kill the revolution, that they were wanting in patriotism, and that they subordinated the interests of the country to their aspirations. And yet men who called themselves Conservatives were doing for a personal object not what they saw but what they instinctively felt. In 1808 the Spanish nation rose in insurrection to expel a King when other nationalities fell terrified under the sword of the Attila of the present century. Their fathers were vulgar enough to get themselves slaughtered sooner than to allow that King to be imposed upon them. For his part he preferred the Republic, but if that were not possible of attainment in any case, vulgar, like their progenitors, he and those who were associated with him would resist a French King being thrust upon them. After a few words of explanation on the part of General PRIM and Admiral TOPETE,

General SERRANO came to the rescue of his badgered colleagues, and in a speech full of tact and *finesse* endeavored to replace matters in the position in which they stood previous to the discussion. He asked if that were the fitting moment to enter upon a question of this gravity. Was it not necessary that the Cortes should first decide whether they were to have a Monarchy or a Republic? The Ministry had in this affair engaged themselves to more than MM. FIGUEROS and CASTELAR were bound to. They had engaged themselves to respect strictly the resolutions of the sovereign power. If the latter voted the Republic, then they would say, "Vive la Republique!" If it voted the monarchy, then they would say, "Vive la Monarchia!" And they would always offer the homage of their respect and their experience to the will of the nation. If his friend, Admiral TOPETE, had said more than he meant to utter, he had only exercised a right which he possessed as a deputy, and which could not be denied him. It had been said that on other questions the Government had not been slow in formulating its opinions. This was quite true, but it should be remembered that when the Ministry was constituted after the revolution, they had to place themselves in accord on a multitude of other important questions which had a prior claim on their attention, and that that with which they most occupied themselves was the form of government. It was only when they saw the excitement, which was being spread throughout the country, and the alarm which existed in regard to it, that they made the declaration which was called for by the circumstances. M. CASTELAR, in speaking of the Duc DE MONTPENSIER, had used the phrases "King, never! Captain-General, never!" In saying this he placed himself as an authority above the Cortes, because he undertook to decide a question in advance which only the Cortes could decide. For his (General SERRANO'S) part, he would say, on the contrary, injurious though he might deem it for his country, that he should respect the Republic, if the Cortes decreed that form of government; and if M. CASTELAR were chosen Presidentof it, he would go and congratulate him, laying aside even his Order of the *Toison d'or*, in order not to displease him. [Laughter.] In conclusion, he would only say that the Government, tranquil in its conscience, proposed to fulfill its duty, as it was bound to do, in presence of the Assembly, to which was intrusted the high mission of constituting the country and to aid it in seeking the best means of securing the material interests, the glory and the future of the nation, as well as the permanent consolidation of its liberties.

M. FIGUEROS said that he and those associated with him on the Opposition benches were equally ready to accept the decisions of the Chamber, but there were certain things which even the Assembly could not encroach upon without perfecting its title to obedience—individual rights for example. Although it was difficult to get an answer from Marshal SENRRANO on any point, there was one question which he would like to put to him. Did he believe that it was in the power of the Cortes to recall ISABELLA DE BOURBON? [Cries of "Yes! yes!" from a great many Deputies, which were meet by counter cries of "No! no!" from others.] M. CASTELAR made a few supplementary remarks, and was replied to by General SERRANO, after which the Chamber passed to the order of the day. A lengthy discussion on the incompatibility of clerical and legislative functions brought the session to a close.

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

What He Says About His Return Home—Classes in the South—The Country's Future.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

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I dropped in upon Andy (as he is familiarly called here) yesterday, and found him alone, which was something remarkable, considering the number that call upon him.

I was shown into a small, but neatly furnished parlor, containing a piano, two or three small tables and other furniture to correspond. Upon the walls hung pictures of LINCOLN, JACKSON, WASHINGTON and JOHNSON, and several fine pictures representing Swiss scenery.

He immediately entered into conversation. "I am going up to Henderson this evening," he said, "to see how they are getting along there. Before the war I had a very pretty place up there, but I have not seen it since. I think," he continued, "that we have a beautiful country here in Tennessee, but we need capital and enterprise. As soon as matters get settled a little, I believe that capitalists from the North will come here in numbers, and help to develop the country; but the people are so thrown out of joint, as it were, and unsettled politically, that men of capital seem afraid to come in here; but this state of affairs will not—cannot, in fact—last long, and, in my opinion, East Tennessee has a future as bright as any section of the country. Our superior soil and climate, together with our great mineral wealth, will be sure to attract immigration as soon as we become a little more settled in a political point of view. We want peace and order in the country, and more confidence in each other. I have always been opposed to anything and everything that would breed tumult and disorder; in short, I have always been a peace man, and opposed to war or the shedding of blood when it could possibly be avoided. At the commencement of our late unhappy struggle I took decided grounds against secession, because I knew that it would bring war and bloodshed. I said to the people, let us fight this battle in the Union and under the Constitution; let it be a battle of words, as it were, and not a battle of swords. I told the Southern people that if they had been wronged, they should seek redress in the Union and under the Constitution. For taking this stand and doing all I could to kill the secession movement and make the people stand firm by the Union, I was denounced as a traitor and a tory, and forced to leave my home and have my property destroyed. On the 12th of June, 1861, I left this home because I could stay here no longer. I was hooted at and insulted in every possible way, and my life threatened. Now some of the very men who were engaged in this, some of the very men who used to denounce me as a traitor and a tory because I stood by the Government, have since turned to be very loyal, and denounce me as a traitor because I want to stand by the Constitution as I stood by the Union. There are two very hard classes of men in the country," he continued, "and they are what might be called rebel Unionists and Yankee rebels. By a rebel Unionist I mean a man who was very much of a rebel at first, and wanted to drive every Union man out of the country, as they did me, and who have since turned to be so very loyal that they are unwilling that an honest rebel should have any rights at all. We have many instances of this class of men in this State; men who deserted the sinking fortunes of the rebellion, when they saw that it was sinking, and who are now so wonderfully loyal as to denounce everybody as 'rebel' and 'traitors' who do not happen to believe as they do. In my opinion, as I said before, another bad class of men in the South are the Yankee rebels—that is, men of Northern birth and education, who espoused the cause of rebellion. When the worst came to the worst, and we saw that there would have to be a war, we naturally looked to the Northern residents of the South for assistance, but in a majority of instances they went against their Government."

In speaking of slavery he said: "I never bought but two or three slaves in my life, and I never sold one. The fact is," he said, laughing, "I was always more of a slave than any I owned. Slavery existed here among us, and those I bought I bought because they wanted me to."

In speaking of the country at large, he said: "There never has been such a glorious country on the face of the earth, and if we can only get along and patiently bear with each other, all will come right finally. If the North and the South understood each other better there would be nothing in the way of our being united, prosperous and happy. That is the greatest desire I have—to see the people of all sections of our country living in harmony and peace. That was one reason why I was so bitterly opposed to the secession movement; if successful, it would have divided and forever ruined the country. In unity there is strength, but in division there is weakness. The war was waged to preserve our unity—to uphold the Constitution. In other words, the war was waged on the part of the Union people to compel the Southern people to live in the Union. The Unionists said: 'You can't go; you must live with us.' Well, the war for the Union was successful, and now isn't it absurd to turn around and say to the Southern people, 'We spent a good deal of blood and treasure to make you live in the Union, but you shan't have any more power than if you didn't exist.' In such a Union there is about as much weakness as in no Union at all."

"There never was," he continued, "such a glorious opening for the American people as there is now, if they will only let the past go and look to the future. If we will but live together, harmonize and be friends, we will become the greatest nation on earth. What a splendid opportunity," he continued, "for young men just starting out in life, if they will only be true to themselves and use reasonable industry. I don't care whether he is at the bar, or at the plow, a mechanic, or a medical student, he lives in a golden age, and an age that he can distinguish himself in if he will only persevere in the right course. Young men are sometimes discouraged because they think their reward for patient toil is slow in coming, but if they will keep right straight ahead, and not allow themselves to be discouraged at anything, there is always some one who will discover their merit and lend them a helping hand.

There is a great deal said about education, and wealth, and family connection, and all that, but it all amounts to nothing, unless a young man is determined to make something out of himself. Education is, of course, a great advantage, but he that dep

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ANCIENT HOMESTEAD.

Beneath lawn-shadowing boughs the unscythed grasses
Deepen to rankness through the waning year
Still rows of aged box their dark-leaved masses
By weedy paths uprear.

The great wasp-haunted eaves drop down and lower
Green-lichened o'er the shuttered windows' gloom;
The lonely porch that trumpet-vines embower,
Is rod with fallen bloom.

Blurring its narrow glass and rusty hinges,
White cobwebs round the bolted entrance gleam,
Where damp and mildew stain with noisome tinges
Each panel's oaken beam.

Out in the well-house the dry rope is rotted,
The bucket sunken in dull slime below;
With stems amid the lattices, firm-knotted,
Strong, poisonous creepers grow.

Rearward, beyond the pear-tree's blasted starkness,
That fronts the wide-doored granary, one may reach
A lustrous pool, girt in by leafy darkness
And curves of loamy beach.

And wandering thither, through the midnight hushes,
Who waits, 'tis whispered, by the pool's black deep,
May watch, wild-eyed, among the starlit rushes,
A ghost that cannot sleep!

—*Edgar Fawcett, in Onward for April.*

A WHIST REMINISCENCE.

From Blackwood's Magazine.

The tyrannies through which we have passed in our youth—I do not speak of mere boyhood,—unquestionably leaven our dispositions in after life, engendering stores of resentment in this man, crushing some high aspiration here, and sowing seeds of oppression and severity there.

Which of us cannot recall from the nursery, the schoolroom, the play-ground, and, later on, from the quadrangle, the lecture-room, the "eleven," or the examination-hall, down to the very day when we made our best bow to the Speaker, some one—there may have been many, but some especial one—whose force of ability, or, oftener still, of will, gained over us an ascendency that amounted to despotism, so that his mere approach, his cough heard at a distance, his footstep, his merest word of salutation, had a direct and palpable effect on us,—just as in chemistry some strong ingredient will have, evoking new combinations, or neutralizing those already in existence?

Be of what mould we may, these people exert a wonderful influence over us. They arouse resistance in this one, temper down disobedience in that, and to all they shadow forth something of that stern taskmaster, the world, whose teachings are rarely imparted without their price in suffering.

I have a lively recollection of one such tyrant in my school-days,—it seems as if I was removing a weight from my heart as I record him: he was a writing-master. At this moment—and I will not say how many years have filled up the interval—I can recall him as he stood behind me watching the up and downward course of a pen that trembled as I held it; and whenever a thickened hair-stroke or an unfinished *o* occurred, I feel, even now, the sharp point of that ivory-tipped penknife as it pierced into my scalp, and as I, in my ignorance of anatomy, believed into some tender part of my brain, maddening me alike with anger and with agony.

He was a cruel—a constitutionally cruel—old monster, and felt actual pleasure in the pain he inflicted. If I have been the curse of such friends as correspond with me, and the misery of my printer, I owe it all to this man and his penknife.

There are people who think these things are good for us,—that all these early sufferings and miseries are wholesome exercises, and an admirable preparation for that "rough-and-tumble game" we call life. The same order of people are those who tell us not to venture near a fire before going out into the cold,—an ignorant *dictum* we hear even to this day, though it has been proved over and over again that the greater the amount of heat imbibed, the longer will the organization repel the access of cold; and so in morals; we may rest assured the more of good, of all that is noble, worthy, trustful and kind, we can imbibe in youth, the longer will our stock last us on our way through the world.

It is a fact—not a very flattering or consolatory fact—that our dispositions are greatly at the mercy of the people who gain a certain ascendancy over us. We are not what we might be by nature, but what the accident of the association makes us. When we see a man trusting to some very weak faculty, or some very poor trait of his character, we may rest assured that he owes the misdirection to extraneous influence; and some unconscious imitation of a quality that would not harmonize with the rest of his nature is not uncommonly the destruction of many an honest fellow.

Half of what we stigmatize as affectation, are nothing more than these attempts at imitation. Some man gains a power over us by a quality, either attractive in itself or covetable by us, because very unlike any we possess. He is witty and ready-minded, while we are dull and slow-thinking; he is clear-headed and logical where we are addle-headed and unreasoning; he is prompt and rapid where we hesitate and ponder: and without ever asking ourselves if such gifts would suit us, or if we should know how to employ them, we straightway set to work to ape and assume them.

What is a bore but an abject, ill-discriminating imitator of some agreeable talker who once captivated him in conversation? He fancied he saw how the trick was done, and they among whom he tried it perhaps believed him. Very poor conjuring is "high magic" for the mass of mankind; and he whom you or I would deem an intolerable nuisance has a set where he is regarded as a man of original mind and an able talker. The Indians who love spangles and brass buttons are not confined to the South Seas; or if they were, it would be an evil day for monthly magazines.

I believe that the age we live in is remarkably characterized by this vice of imitation. There is not a popular actor, preacher, artist or author who has not his scores of followers, treasuring up every mannerism that disfigures, and every trick of style that betrays him. Spurgeonism, Buckstoneism, are general; and half the flippancy of our lighter literature is an attempt to rival the wit of an incomparable humorist.

I have a right to speak on this theme, for never was a man so cursed by this demon of imitation. It is not merely that I pick up ever detestable peculiarity around me, but I catch every mood and every accent. Just as there are people who never pass the precincts of an infected district without taking the prevailing epidemic, so it is with me as regards any trick of manner or any trait of style. If I walk with a lame man, I inevitably limp; and I once came home from a visit to an ophthalmic hospital with an obliquity of vision that terrified my whole family.

Of how I have suffered from this tendency the following incident shall tell: Having somewhat overtaxed my strength in reading for honors, by the advice of my doctor, I gave up work, and set out for North Wales. His counsel was to select some quiet spot unfrequented by strangers, where I might be certain to keep easy hours, and suffer no impairment to my strength by the habits of society. "Bored you may be," said he, "but bear that; take plenty of walking exercise, live simply, let your mind lie fallow, and I'll answer for it, in two months you'll be perfectly yourself again."

I fixed on Bettws. It was a beautiful spot, with a neat little country inn, close by a trout-stream,—Snowdon in front and Cader Idris in the distance. It had also another quality, not without its charm for me,—it was a miracle of cheapness. For five shillings a day I was to be "taken in and done for," the only condition not to my taste being, that I should take my dinner in company with two other guests, who, though absent when I arrived, were daily expected to return.

They were, I learned, a retired Major and his daughter, whose habit it was to repair to this place every year, attracted by its complete seclusion.

After all, thought I, my doctor could scarcely demur to this small amount of human intercourse, which threatens neither late hours nor dissipation; nor am I likely to catch up any new trick of manner from people I simply see at dinner.

They arrived at last. The Major, a tall, upright, stern, testy old soldier, with white hair brushed rigidly back, and two enormous and bushy black eyebrows. These white-haired men with black eye-brows have something very significant about them. I don't know what it is, but they certainly "impose," and I have always felt a certain awe as regards them. His daughter I should have pronounced decidedly handsome had I never seen the father, but the likeness recalled him so perfectly and so painfully as to spoil the effect of her face. They were both well-bred and well-mannered, but the stiffest and most unbending people I had ever met. Though we had dined together every day, our intimacy made no progress. A formal salutation was exchanged as we met, a few words followed, and we would take our seats at table, Major Crossley at the head, his daughter at one side, I at the other. Too polite to conduct a conversation between themselves to my exclusion, the father and daughter seldom spoke, except in some direction to the servant who waited on us; and I, equally guarded not to obtrude, preserved a similar silence; so that the meal passed off often without a word uttered among us.

"I have the honor to wish you a very good evening, Sir," would say the Major.

"Good evening, Sir," softly spoke the daughter; and I, faithfully following the stern example set me, would bow with great deference as I held the door for them to pass out, faintly muttering what was intended to express a reciprocity of "good evenings."

If this reserve pained me, and almost offended me, it was not quite without reason. Precaution at first was all natural and justifiable, but surely when meeting a man every day, and having the testimony of their own senses that he was not obtrusive and unmannerly, really, thought I, without any compromise of their dignity, they might vouchsafe some show of that courtesy which makes intercourse easier, and yet involves no future responsibility.

If I inwardly resented their manner toward me, that did not prevent my imitating it to the most minute degree; and I found myself unfolding my napkin, filling my wine-glass, and dividing my cheese, with a most absurd likeness to the Major's performance of these acts. To such an extent did I carry my rivalry of their coldness, that when one evening a terrific thunder-storm broke forth at dinner-time, and prevented their usual stroll, the old soldier, after seeing his daughter withdraw, offered me a cigar. I stiffly declined the politness, and actually deprived myself of a smoke rather than be his debtor.

"Perhaps you object to tobacco, Sir," said he, hesitating to light his cigar.

"By no means; I am an inveterate smoker, —that is," said I, hastening to correct the rudeness of my speech, "when in my usual health."

"I will, in that case, avail myself of your permission," said he, seating himself at a window and pouring forth a volume of blue vapor that tortured me with envy.

In my impatience I arose and walked the room up and down, down and up, after the manner of those caged creatures who probably fancy they are exhibiting patience and self-control while nursing and fomenting the rage that is consuming them.

"When the weather breaks, the place is dull here," said he, slowly.

"Infernally dull," said I, with a half-savage energy.

"And when the rain once sets in, it never knows when to leave off," said he, not noticing the emphasis of my remark.

"The only thing to do, then, is to get away," said I, curtly.

"As you observe, Sir, it is the one resource."

"They told me to come down here without books, without fishing tackle, without anything," said I, maddened by I know not what impulse to talk of myself; "told me it was the way to regain health and strength and spirits, and so it might if I had been born a goat and was sent back to my native mountains; but as a man with human feelings, human wants and human sympathies, what I am to do in such a place is more than I can imagine."

"You are bored, perhaps," said he, brushing the ash off his cigar and looking lovingly at the stump of it.

"Bored! I should think I am bored," exclaimed I, boiling over, as a man will when provoked by an unsympathizing coldness,—"bored to the last limit of a long endurance. And if I live through it,"—here the young lady entered with shawls on her arm, but I was too much excited to arrest my eloquence, —"if I live through it, it will be to preserve the hideous memory of these misty mountains as a terrible nightmare,—a thing of shadowy depression only, wanting force to become temptation, and yet strong enough to be the source of misery for a life long."

"Doesn't that remind you of Jacob, Margaret?" said the Major, coldly.

"Very like Jacob," was the cold rejoinder.

"And who the—I mean, who might Jacob be? I suppose not the Biblical of that name?" said I, in a tone of sarcasm.

"Jacob was a nephew of mine," resumed the Major. "Eeles Jacob of the Eighth Fusiliers. Had an attack very like yours. Never much of a reader—education sadly neglected—and something wrong with the spine."

"And a chronic ophthalmia," chimed in the daughter.

"I remember now,—so he had. It was for that they stopped the lessons. Never took to field-sports. Could not be taught to ride. Would always tumble over, off-side—no taste for anything."

"Only Berlin wool, papa; he was fondest of worsted-work."

"Berlin wool!" cried I; "the fellow was an idiot."

"He rather liked the accordion, Sir," said she, mildly. "He played 'Bells upon the Wind,' and 'The Ratcatcher's Daughter.'"

"An accomplished man, on the whole," said I, with a sneer.

"One could scarcely say that; but not without abilities."

"And his case, you remarked, resembled mine," said I, trying to suppress any show of anger.

"Well, Sir, in a measure—in a measure—his state was like yours; he had his days of silent depression and his paroxysms of strong passion. He had his delusions. He thought at one time—I forget what he thought he was."

"The Sphinx, papa,—the Sphinx of Egypt," said she, sharply.

"To be sure, I remember him, now,—how he would sit with his legs under him, and resting on his hands in front."

"That is, he was insane,—a madman!" cried I, angrily.

"No, there was no madness,—there were delusions, only delusions. When there was a question of selling out, they found he knew to a shilling what he ought to get for a company in a depot-battalion. But for all that, without our treatment of him, he'd never have rejoined the regiment in Canada."

"It was, then, through your treatment he recovered?"

"Papa has cured twenty-three," said the young lady; "one of them had long believed himself a sheep, and was regularly shorn every Autumn; and they now look on him as one of the safest in the Portland."

"The Portland! Is it the Club or the Penitentiary?"

"The Club, Sir, and at the four game."

"Whist?"

"Of course, Sir,—whist."

I will not follow out the dialogue that ensued; enough if I say that the Major was an enthusiastic on the subject of whist. According to him, whist was to the mind what pleasurable exercise was to the body. It was the wholesome employment of faculties which should neither be overtaxed by severe application, nor suffered to rust by indolence and neglect. To supply his own words, whist rests the weary, distracts the over-concentrated, elevates the hopeless, stirs the apathetic, making the grave light-hearted and the frivolous serious. Not only will the whist-player be a man of forethought and prudence, but a man of promptitude and action. Logical in all he does, he will reason on what he has to do in life, and on the means wherewith to do it: he will weigh well the benefits of coöperation and the merits of independent action, and will know when to be trustful and when suspicion means safety. So eloquently did he plead for his favorite pursuit, and such an elevation did he claim for its pretensions, that though I thought I had played the game, at least as men play it at college, I really began to feel myself a mere pretender—one of the base multitude at the door of the temple, but who had never been beneath the fane!

"I will not enter at large into your case, Mr. Keppel," said he; "I will simply take it that you find life dull and distasteful—your time drags heavily and the hours are wearisome. Come up stairs and try a rubber; we play the dummy game, and as you said you had played at the University, I believe I know the measure of your skill. Whist, as played by Oxford dons," added he, in a reflective tone, "is the last remnant of mediævalism left in England." There was a solemn pomposity in his tone that amused me much, and I accepted his invitation to see more of it.

As for our game, it went over without anything remarkable. Once or twice, indeed, the Major's eyebrows went up very high at some card I led, and he took snuff impatiently as I hesitated about trumping a trick; but, on the whole, he preserved a grand dignity of manner that would have been very becoming on the Equity Bench.

I mention these traits *en passant*, for already had I begun, but without being aware of it, to imitate them. At tea we talked whist, and nothing but whist. I do not know on what authority he asserted it, but he said the Great Napoleon never could become a good player—he never could forgive his partner not having the precise card he needed: "and as for the present Emperor," said he, "he cannot be kept from peeping into the adversary's hand."

All English play he pronounced lamentable, French a shade better. The Poles were the great masters of the game. "Lemberg," said he, "is the Mecca of whist-players."

From that day forth, from rosy morn to dewy evening, my life was whist. The dawning of morning, the daylight sinking, the night's sad hours still found me thinking of whist, whist, only whist.

We played three games, a sort of exercising canter, every day after breakfast; and I must say that, though my education at school and college revives many passages of sorrow, and shame, and suffering, putting them altogether into one would not have equaled the misery of one of these mornings. The courtesy of the Major at our first performance was never renewed. It was the bland politeness of the schoolmaster to his "young friend" when he first entered the establishment. It was no longer, "Reflect a little, Mr. Keppel; would not your queen have been the better lead?" or, "Don't you think you might have advantageously passed that card to your partner?"—it was now, "What in the name of all that is addle-headed made you trump there? Was it defect of eyesight or intellect led you to take my king? Do you always walk into a well if it is open?" or, "Why did you fall into that blunder with your ace?" Then he would tear his hair and rend his choker. I have seen him twice very close on apoplexy, and his voice was once actually thick and stertorous, as he begged me "Not to do that" —I forget what—"for the love of mercy."

In his virulent abuse of me he would not limit himself to my indiscretion at whist. It was my whole nature, moral and intellectual, he assailed. It was, had I no sense of compassion—was I even bereft of all pity—did I forget the luckless individual who was linked to me as a partner—was I so ingulfed in selfishness that I could not see his sufferings, or how had I managed to arrive at man's estate with the faculties of an infant? Could I not be taught the fact, that if eleven trumps were played out of thirteen, two, not six, remained? How did I hope to get through life with an intelligence of this order? Why would I persist in regarding my partner as my greatest enemy?

From the faults of my card-playing to the defects of my character was an easy transition. If I trumped high, I was a reckless spendthrift, or an ostentatious snob, eager to create an effect; if I trumped low, I was a mean-spirited, poor devil, who hadn't heart to spend his income. If I took a trick I should have left to my partner, I was narrow-minded and distrustful, dead to every sense of companionship, and a mere egotist; and once, when I put an ace on my partner's king, he cried out, "If you should ever marry, Sir, you will beat your wife!"

Why did I not pitch the cards out of the window, and the Major after them? is possibly the question the reader is asking himself; and I answer it for him. Margaret was there! Margaret's eyes were upon me, so beautifully tender, so imploring, so trustful —I was almost saying so lovely—that I felt I was enduring all these trials for her sake. Just as knight-errants of old went forth to slay their dragon in honor of their ladye-love, so was I, figuratively, slaying my dragon; and a more terrible dragon than the demon of my own temper I cannot picture to my mind.

It is true, when I gained my own room and found myself alone, I could not lie down to sleep; my temples throbbing; my hands tingled; I felt I had a debt of vengeance to acquit, and that even delay dishonored me. It was only by recalling that sweet face, so much sweeter by the expression of tender solicitude it expressed, that I could at last compose myself to slumber. These hours of self-examination were as terrible tortures as I can conceive. Over and over have I asked myself what privilege lay in some pieces of painted pasteboard and a green baize cloth, that a man might utter over them what he would be shot for if he ventured on elsewhere.

Would I have permitted, on any other pretext than the paltry one of a game, that this old prig should reflect on my mind, my memory, my reasoning faculty, or my judgment? On what other issue would I have sat still to hear myself reviled, ridiculed and derided?

Of course I did not conceal these sufferings from Margaret. I told them all. I told her, too, how one consolation alone carried me through my misery, and that her sympathy and her affection it was that, like an angel leading through fire, brought me scathless through a conflict that all but mastered me.

"But you have got over the worst, dear Harry," (it was dear Harry by this time,—"don't show impatience now; don't give way when the goal is already within sight. Mind what he says of a long suit, don't be afraid of leading trumps from a weak hand, and we shall be happy yet."

Then we would read "Evangeline" down beside the river, or "Genevieve" under the beech-trees; and she would bring out her guitar, and warble in her own delicious contralto, little snatches of Mendelssohn or Spohr,—tender, plaintive, deep-sinking melodies, that left more in the heart after them than all the florid brilliancies of Verdi.

My education had now made such progress that we only played of an evening, so that my days were passed in perfect bliss; for while the Major sat over a "problem," or sat engaged with his great book, "Whist in its Ethical Relation," Margaret was always with me. She walked, rode, and fished with me. She was one of those frank natures that are eminently companionable: perhaps I can convey a clearer notion of her when I say that she was one a man could be deeply in love with, and yet talk to of other things than his love.

She would bring me at times some messages from papa,—as, he would be glad if I would think over that fourth trick of the ninth rubber, and what would have come of it if I had not taken the trick; or a request that I should give him in writing my reason for "finessing" my knave of hearts; but she would utter these so sweetly, so smilingly, that I longed to whisper the answer on the lips that put the question. I'm not quite sure that I didn't do so on one occasion!

I had fully made up my mind to propose for Margaret; my courage was all the stronger that the Major had begun to compliment me on my play. He had said, "That shows attention, Sir. There was memory there;" and limited as this eulogy was, I am ashamed to say with what delight I heard it.

I made the pretence of its being my birthday,—I know no more about my birthday than I know of Hannibal's,—but I made that the pretext for giving a little dinner with a display of long-necked bottles and flowers that were not common in our daily life. We were extremely jolly. Cliquot has some peculiar influence on the heart's action, and we all felt it. The Major had just told me that after a Winter at Nice and an Autumn at Lemberg I might conceive my education finished.

"You'll not be a Deshappelles, nor even a Kaergi," said he, "but with Grammont, or Clay, or men of that stamp, you'll hold your own." And O, was I not pressing Madge's hand as he said it? and did I not whisper in her ear, "My own! my own!" with a heartfelt significance? I knew she was mine,—yes, I knew it. You ask me how, by what evidence I knew this? and I answer you, How did Columbus know that, when daybreak came, he should see outlines of mountains that were not "fog-banks?" How did Nelson know that the French would come out from Cadiz, though his signal-lieutenant persisted in saying there were no ships of war there? How did Speke know, when he beheld Lake Nyanza, that he was gazing on the source of the Nile? What is that moral consciousness, higher than all evidence of testimony, that tells you your partner must hold a particular card? Explain these to me, and I will tell you why I knew Margaret's heart was mine, and mine only.

We sat late over our wine. It was some choice Bra Mouton that I got down from my club by special favor, and the Major pronounced it matchless. Margaret kept us company, even while we smoked our cigars, and made our coffee—most delicious coffee it was—afterwards. I cannot recall such happiness. I know I shall never taste such again. "What if we have one rubber more,—one rubber at parting,' as the song says," cried the Major, who was not always correct at a quotation. "You shall be Madge's partner, Keppel, and I'll take dummy." If I didn't like the proposition at first, this turn to it delighted me; for, strangely enough, in all my course of instruction I had never played with Margaret yet as my partner.

"What shall we have on the game?" cried the Major, flushed with wine and jollity together. "Let it be something splendid." I need scarcely say that up to this we had never played for a stake. "If you lose, Keppel, you shall give me,—what shall you give me?"

"Name your stake," said I, "and I'll name mine."

"Well, you shall give me your salmon-rod, landing-net, and all," said he, in a tone of elation.

"I'll claim my stake when I have won it," said I, coloring deeply; for I saw that he glanced at Margaret, whose face was now crimson.

"You shall have that privilege, Sir," said he, quietly; and I felt a tremor run through me as I fancied he read my meaning.

We now took our places at the table in perfect silence, for there was a sense of solemnity over us all. The Major dealt, and turned a ten of diamonds. My heart bounded within me as he turned the dummy's cards. It was a miserable hand. Three low trumps, a queen third in spades, two insignificant clubs, the ace, and five small hearts.

My own cards were almost enough to win the game, and I led out a heart through his ace, saying, "Win your one trick, Major, and let me score the rest." Nothing but the very intoxication of success could exceed this ill-judged bravado.

"Do me the favor, Sir, to play your own game, and spare me your comments on mine," said the old man, whose hands trembled as he arranged his cards. I was well accustomed to the intense and eager attention he was wont to bestow on the game, but never had I seen anything approaching to the eagerness he now displayed: he threw away the cigar he was smoking, and scrutinized each trick before it was turned, though a mere glance always sufficed with him to tell what was played.

Margaret watched him with intense anxiety. She could not take her eyes from his face, and I saw that she was terrified lest the unusual strain should be hurtful to him. Once only did she glance at me, and then her look was painful in its expression of entreaty. Though all this troubled me, the triumphant joy at my heart rose above all—I already felt a victor, and what had I not won?

Margaret's agitation was now extreme. She had to be reminded when it was her turn to play, and then she threw her card down almost unconsciously. She trembled from head to foot, and at last her hand shook so violently that her cards escaped her grasp and fell about the floor. She stooped to pick them up, and I, not less eager to help her than to have the opportunity of crouching down beside her, stooped down, too, and we both met beneath the table. We must have been very awkward at gathering up the cards, for at last the Major cried out, "Is that operation not completed yet?" In my confusion at this rebuke, or perhaps in my agitation, I managed to let one of my own cards drop from my hand, and did not detect the loss as I took my place at the table.

"It is your turn to play, Sir," said the Major to me, pointing to the card he had just led.

I looked hurriedly through my hand; he had played a heart, and I had none. To be quite certain, I looked again, and, now reassured, trumped his card. The old man seemed as if something had stung him. He won the trick that came next, and, to my astonishment, again returned to the suit I had trumped; and as he did so, I cried out, "Further struggle is needless. Two by honors, and three tricks make five; the game is won."

Margaret grew pale as death as she watched her father's fate.

"You have—how many tricks do you say, Sir?" said he, trembling at every word.

"Three tricks and two by honors—five in all."

"Three and two certainly make five, Sir; there is no question of that. Will you now do me the favor to let me see them?" and not awaiting my reply, he turned the cards out upon the table, and inspected them one by one. "Your score is all correct, Sir; may I now see the cards in your hand?"

"There they are," said I, half defiantly, for I was somewhat vexed at all the distrust and hesitation. "There they are!"

"No, Sir; I should say there they are not. There are but four cards—you should have five."

"How is that—how can that be?" said I, in amazement.

"Simply this way, Sir," said he, as taking a candle, he stooped down and picked up a card from the floor,—"here is the explanation!" And now his voice swelled into a note of triumph. "This is the five of hearts, —the suit you have trumped, Sir, not once, but twice. A more audacious revoke I never witnessed."

I lay back on my chair, sick, and almost fainting.

"A revoke," continued he, "has its penalty, and costs three tricks. Two revokes make six; the game is, therefore, mine. I have the honor to wish you a very good night." I turned to look at Margaret; she was gone: when and how, I know not. I was stunned and stupefied to such a degree that I could not speak as he moved away.

Whether I sat there three minutes or three hours, I cannot tell; I have some vague recollection of having gone down to the river and taken a cold plunge, dressed as I was; after which I was collected enough to go to bed, and desire that I should not be disturbed till I rang my bell.

"What's the hour, waiter?" asked I, after a long, dreamless sleep.

"A quarter past one, Sir."

"Have they breakfasted? The Major, I mean, and Miss Crossley."

"They breakfasted at eight, Sir; they were off by nine. The young lady told me to give you this."

I clutched the envelope; it felt hard and solid. I glowed with delight. I guessed it was her photograph. I turned round hurriedly to the wall and tore it open. It was a card with the words, "Count your hand before you score the game.—M.," and on the reverse side was the fatal five of hearts.

I have lived to get over my passion, but have never touched a card since.

It often grieves me to think of all the indignities I submitted to for a wife, and how ignobly I lost her afterward.

CHARLOTTE BRONTE.—"Jane Eyre" was naturally and universally supposed to be CHARLOTTE herself; but she always denied it calmly, cheerfully, and with the obvious sincerity which characterized all she said. She declared that there was no more ground for the assertion than this: she once told her sisters that they were wrong—even morally wrong—in making their heroines beautiful, as a matter of course. They replied that it was impossible to make a heroine interesting on other terms. Her answer was: "I will prove to you that you are wrong. I will show to you a heroine as small and plain as myself, who shall be as interesting as any of yours." "Hence 'Jane Eyre,'" said she, in telling the anecdote: "but she is not myself any further than that." As the work went on, the interest deepened to the writer. When she came to "Thornfield," she could not stop. Being short-sighted to excess, she wrote in little square paper books, held close to her eyes, and (the first copy) in pencil. On she went, writing incessantly for three weeks; by which time she had carried her heroine away from Thornfield, and was herself in a fever, which compelled her to pause. The rest was written with less vehemence, and with more anxious care; the world adds, with less vigor and interest. She could gratify her singular reserve in regard to the publication of this remarkable book. We all remember how long it was before we could learn who wrote it, and any particulars of the writer, when the name was revealed. She was living among the wild Yorkshire hills, with a father who was too much absorbed in his studies to notice her occupations: in a place where newspapers were never seen, (or where she never saw any,) and in house where the servants knew nothing about books, manuscripts, proofs or the post. When she told her secret to her father, she carried her book in one hand and an adverse review in the other, to save his simple and unworldly mind from rash expectations of a fame and fortune which she was determined should never be the sims of her life. That we have had only two novels since, shows how deeply grounded was this resolve.

Shirley was conceived and wrought out in the midst of fearful domestic griefs. Her only brother, a young man of once splendid promise, which was early blighted, and both her remaining sisters, died in one year. There was something inexpressibly affecting in the aspect of the frail little creature who had done such wonderful things, and who was able to bear up, with so bright an eye and so composed a countenance, under not only such a weight of sorrow, but such a prospect of solitude. In her deep mourning dress (neat as a Quaker's,) with her beautiful hair, smooth and brown, her fine eyes, and her sensible face indicating a habit of self-control, she seemed a perfect household image—irresistibly recalling WORDSWORTH'S description of that domestic treasure. And she was this. She was as able at the needle as at the pen. The household knew the excellence of her cookery before they heard of that of her books. In so utter a seclusion as she lived in—in those dreary wilds where she was not strong enough to roam over the hills; in that retreat where her studious father rarely broke the silence—and there was no one else to do it; in that forlorn house, planted on the very clay of the churchyard, where the graves of her sisters were before her window; in such a living sepulchre, her mind could not but prey upon itself; and how it did suffer, we see in the more painful portions of her last novel, *Villette*. She said, with a change in her steady countenance, that she should feel very lonely when her aged father died. But she formed new ties after that. She married; and it is the old father who survives to mourn her.—*Biographical Sketches by Harriet Martineau.* (*Leypoldt & Holt.*)

EVENING PRAYER.

Now the soft warm gleam uncertain
In the little chamber stays,
On the spotless falling curtain,
By the bedside where she prays:
From the shadow round her kneeling
Slender hands are raised appealing.

Down below the shadow resteth,
O'er blush-alabaster feet,
Simple robe of white investeth
Up to where bows, childlike sweet,
Gentle head in hands half hidden,
Whence the shadow falls forbidden.

From our dusk her hands are lifting,
And the light, in answer bland,
Down her sleek brown tresses drifting,
Seems to smooth them with a hand—
Solemn hand from forth the splendor,
Where this child hath those that tend her!

These love-tears may cloud my vision;
Yet about this humble room
Do not faces dim, Elysian,
Yearn down o'er her through the gloom?
Even the shades are glory colder,
Warming softer as they fold her!

So bathe her feet our earth's chill sorrow,
Never cling more dark than this;
From her gentle spirit borrow
Even the hues and warmth of bliss,
While her soul inhales the heaven,
Praying thus at morn and even!

Her, life's darkling pilgrim haileth;
Mountain forest, haunted nook,
As on high serene she saileth,
Smile beneath her sainted look!
Only worldlings, foul in feeling,
Curse the childlike light revealing.

Spirit music, souls of flowers,
Here luxuriate to shape,
Charming far the beloved powers:
Blessed moment, wherefore 'scape?
Hold her young, so griefless praying,
Hold these tranced eyes from straying.

—*Hon. Roden Noel.*

LOVE AND MARRIAGE.—That love is the leading element of the highest happiness in marriage; that love, while it lasts, covers a multitude of errors, privations, misfortunes —even sins—I do not doubt. But the question is, How far is love, when unaccompanied by any other of the conditions which I have mentioned as belonging to a perfect marriage, itself a justification of marriage? True love works wonders; but it cannot prevent the physical and mental ailments which develop themselves in people of feeble organisms. It cannot supply a lack of intelligence, a want of force, in either husband or wife; and, as all housekeepers know, it cannot "make the pot boil." Love alone, when we consider its proverbial instability, and the small chance it has of surviving under bleak conditions, is certainly an insufficient capital upon which to commence the partnership of marriage. This is true of even the highest and strongest love; how much more so of the hasty and passionate attachments which lead to so many thousands of marriages!

There is an infinity of false sentiment about the passion of love. While I would not cast a doubt upon the existence of noble love, of devotion, and of passion which no sorrow or trial can tire, which is even refined and strengthened by suffering, yet the value, the office, the very nature of love in our ordinary life is greatly misunderstood. Love is the most exaggerated passion in literature. It holds in our imaginations a position which it does not hold in the life of one man or woman in a thousand. "Being the supreme passion of modern art," says a recent writer, "it becomes necessary to sound high its praises. We should suppose, if we read only novels and poetry, that the one thing interesting in life is the relation of the sexes and the anxieties of pairing. Many young people are so dizzy with love that they are unable to go on with the other interests of life. They cannot see men as they are, engaged in their daily work, pursuing their various ends, and living a multifarious life, of which love is but a single element." Our regard for the passion oversteps the healthy limit, and becomes morbid; we judge of it untruly; we attend to its promptings with absurd expectations; we teach ourselves that the passion is uncontrollable, and regard it as a kind of fate; and we glorify the supremacy of a first love, as if the heart did not require a training as varied as the intellect. Considering the widespread misery which our misconceptions of love have wrought, we might doubt whether this passion was not the greatest misfortune as well as the greatest blessing in the world. We may conclude, in spite of CHAUCER, that Love's allegiance is not the only thing needful to make a permanently happy marriage.—"*To Marry, or Not to Marry?*" *in April Galaxy.*

THE ROB ROY CANOE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.—Every hour of my day is filled up with pleasant duties. Not a moment seems to be lost, or hang heavy. As for loneliness, the idea of it never crosses my mind. The particular sort of observations to be made in this "land and water" journey would be quite incompatible with the presence of a companion, unless he was both deaf and dumb. Yet one can scarcely imagine a more delightful tour. Often I have a long ride and a walk, and a paddle, and a sail, all in one day. Take, for instance, my first day on the Sea of Galilee. We are camped near it, by the Jordan, and a crowd of Arabs accompany the *Rob Roy* to the river. Gliding down the winding stream, I soon float out upon the wide lake of Gennesareth. A hundred hills and vales, and ruins and bays, all familiar to the student of biblical geography, are suddenly presented around me in actual life. I turn eastward at once, and coast the shore with an eager gaze downward into the clear, glassy water, looking for relics there which could not be seen from land, and which have never been thus searched for in the water. Careful records are made of each buried column, each hidden pier or quay, or fallen stone, and my hand is taken by a pebble beach, with sunlight glinting under the wavelets that ripple to the soft and balmy breeze. Stretching out then to the centre of the lake, I recline in my canoe, with the wonderful panorama about me, gorgeous in color, and graceful in outline, sacred in deep realities, and powerfully stirring the mind. Here I read the 6th chapter of John's Gospel, which tells how Christ taught on that plain, and fed the people on that hill; how He went alone for prayer to that mountain, while His disciples went by boat across this bay; then the night came on and they were toiling and rowing, "for the wind was contrary."—*Rob Roy, in Land and Water.*

THOMAS DE QUINCEY.—During a long course of years DE QUINCEY went on dreaming always—sometimes scheming works of high valne and great efficacy which were never to exist; promising largely to booksellers and others, and failing through a weakness so deep-seated that it should have prevented his making any promises. When his three daughters were grown up, and his wife was dead, he lived in a pleasant cottage Lasswade, near Edinburgh—well known by name to those who have never seen its beauties, as the scene of SCOTT'S early married life and first great achievements in literature. There, while the family fortunes were expressly made contingent on his abstinence from his drug, DE QUINCEY did abstain, or observe moderation. His flow of conversation was then the delight of old acquaintance and admiring strangers, who came to hear the charmer and to receive the impression, which could never be lost, of the singular figure and countenance and the finely-modulated voice, which were like nothing else in the world. It was a strange thing to look upon that fragile form, and features which might be those of a dying man, and to hear such utterances as his: now the strangest comments and insignificant incidents; now pregnant remarks on great subjects; and then, malignant gossip, virulent and base, but delivered with an air and a voice of philosophical calmness and intellectual commentary such as caused the disgust of the listener to be largely qualified with amusement and surprise. One good thing was, that nobody's name and fame could be really injured by anything DE QUINCEY could say. There was such a grotesque air about the mode of his evil-speaking, and it was so gratuitous and excessive, that the hearer could not help regarding it as a singular sort of intellectual exercise, or an effort in the speaker to observe, for once, something outside of himself, rather than as any token of actual feeling toward the ostensible object.—*Biographichal Sketches by Harriet Martineau.* (*Leypoldt & Holt.*)

MENDELSSOHN'S WIFE.—CECILE JEANRENAUD, whose mother belonged to a distinguished emigrant family, was at that period considered one of the most beautiful girls in Frankfort, always so rich in female charms, where indeed to this day, as in Saxony, "fair maidens grow on every tree;" and when I now recall her image as I first saw her, though some time after her marriage, I feel that to this present hour she has always remained my *beau ideal* of womanly fascination and loveliness. I admired her with all the impetuosity of a young imaginative creature. Her figure was slight, of middle height, and rather drooping, like a flower heavy with dew, her luxuriant golden-brown hair fell in rich curls on her shoulders, her complexion was of transparent delicacy, her smile charming, and she had the most bewitching deep-blue eyes I ever beheld, with dark eyelashes and eyebrows. Such was the fair wife of MENDELSSOHN. How often, amid "snowflakes as they fly," have I stood in a corner of the Gewandhaus stairs, waiting to see her glide past me at the close of the concert, when her fair face looked forth through the transparent veil in which it was wrapped, like the bright moon emerging from dark clouds, while her eyes shone like stars. I was once in her room, when she addressed a few friendly words to me. A singer with whom I was acquainted had brought me with her, and while the two ladies were conversing, I gazed at CECILE MENDELSSOHN in silent admiration. Ah! such a feeling of enthusiasm, known to few, is, after all, the most delightful thing in the world! To be able to admire the grand or the beautiful as I have a thousand times done, and still do, is a blessed frame of mind —perhaps somewhat akin to the ecstasy produced by the intoxication of opium, but without the depressing effects it leaves. On that day Cecile Mendelssohn wore a dark blue silk dress, a lace collar and cuffs, without ornament; but her whole aspect had a Madonna air, the only way in which I can define it—what Berthold Auerbach so beautifully calls Marienhaft. The celebrated Magnus in Berlin subsequently painted her. I never saw the portrait, which was much praised, but I only wish I could have painted her as I saw her on that day. Her manner was generally thought too reserved; indeed, she was considered cold, and called "the fair Mimosa." In music we have an expressive term, "calm but impassioned," and this I deem an appropriate inscription for the portrait of CECILE MENDELSSOHN. The two sisters, CECILE and JULIA JEANRENAUD, formed a charming contrast. The one brilliant and gay, playful, fragile as a vapor, fairly-like, with fair hair, and eyes as blue as forget-me-nots; while the other was grave, with that wonderful expression in her glance that realized the tradition of "eyes of consolation." FELIX MENDELSSOHN then wooed this youthful virgin rose with

"Yearning,
And burning,
In passion and pain"

like every other mortal in a similar condition.

"Thy lustrous eyes shine brighter than the sun."

Many a day and many a night found its echo in his heart, and that he never failed to lie in wait for her is also indubitable, and even he was forced sometimes to "wait long, long hours" before she appeared—though, let us hope, not as in the song, "when tempests strew the snowflakes as they fly," for it chanced to be the lovely Spring and Summer time. But assuredly no effort was irksome to him for her sake, while all his anxiety, waiting and watching were speedily swept away and forgotten when at last he saw her, "the idol of his soul." The state of excitement and agitation caused by such mental emotions in the delicately organized nature of MENDELSSOHN, subjected to all those alterations of "rapturous delight" and "deadly sorrow," is best proved by the advice of his clever young physician, Dr. SPIESS, in Frankfort, who sent off the young director

A NEW NOVEL BY VICTOR HUGO.

Passing by CHARLES DICKENS, who is, perhaps, the most popular novelist of the day, and whose stories are more read than those of any other man alive or dead, and that by all grades of society, from the kitchen to the drawing-room, from the factory to the mansion—passing by him, VICTOR HUGO takes the next place. We speak of English and American taste, for on the Continent of Europe, and especially in France, where both his ideas and his peculiar forms of expression are native, he is the favorite of all those who prefer elegant literature to the merely sensational,—noble, earnest thought to lascivious descriptions, and earnest labor for the liberty and happiness of man to such mere collections of plot and excitement as the *Count of Monte Christo*, or *The Iron Mask*.

VICTOR HUGO is best known to the people of the United States by his five consecutive novels—*Fantine, Cosette, Marius, St. Denis* and *Jean Valjean*—comprising the great complete romance, *Les Miserables*, or "The Unhappy." His smaller and later work, *The Toilers of the Sea*, in which descriptions of storms and sea monsters, together with wonderful mechanical conceptions, seemed to have exhausted the subjects; this is not so widely known here, but is not less worthy to be known.

The last work from his tireless hen, *The Man who Laughs; or, By the King's Command*, is now being published in the *Weekly Journal* of D. APPLETON & Co., New York. The first chapter appears in the first number of their *Journal*, on April 3, in which paper it will be continued from week to week, to the end. They have purchased duplicates of the perfect work, both in French and English, and hold the copyright for the United States. Therefore, the columns of their new illustrated weekly will afford the first opportunity of reading the story within the reach of the American public. The author himself considers *By the King's Command* his master-piece, and it has been slowly growing in the workshop of his brain and of his shaping hands, for twenty years. The fact of its simultaneous appearance in Paris, London and all the great European capitals, as well as in the American metropolis, and its translation into and publication in nine different languages is evidence at least of what the literary world expects from this new work, and of the extent to which the great publishers agree with the author as to its being a master-piece of fiction.

The price paid him by the French publishers—300,000 francs, irrespective of other payments from other lands—is also evidence, and of a very substantial kind. By the courtesy of the American publishers, we have been permitted to read the advance sheets of *By the King's Command*, and while it is yet too soon to discover the purpose or guess the climax of the plot, yet it can be seen that the treatment is entirely new, and the story already grows absorbingly interesting. We have read enough to see that this, the first attempt of VICTOR HUGO to paint English life on an extended scale, is not by any means a failure,—to discover that he has been a close and discriminating student of English history in fields comparatively unreaped and unknown,—that he has fully comprehended and digested what he has garnered, and that, for once, a Frenchman has understood the English heart.

That our readers may not be obliged to take our mere opinion of this book, we will be liberal of extracts. Be it remembered that the story itself begins one hundred and eighty years ago, and that some of its details have to do with the days of OLIVER CROMWELL, of CHARLES II., of JAMES II., and of Queen ANNE. The following is interesting as a description of an art now (fortunately) lost:

> This vivisection of other days was not limited to perfecting phenomena for the public resort, buffoons for the palace—a species of improvement upon the courtier—and eunuchs for Sultans and Popes. It abounded in variations. One of its triumphs was the making a cock for the King of England.
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> It was the custom, in the English King's palace, that there should be a sort of nocturnal man, who could crow like a cock. This watcher, up while others slept, prowled round the palace, and uttered, from hour to hour, this cry of the poultry-yard, repeated as often as was needed for supplying the place of a clock. This man, promoted to be a cock, had for this purpose undergone, in childhood, an operation on the pharynx, which was a portion of the art described by DR. CONQUEST. Under CHARLES II. the salivation resulting from the operation having disgusted that monarch, the office was kept up, so as not to diminish the lustre of the Crown, but a man not mutilated was made to do the crowing. For this employment a veteran officer was usually selected. Under JAMES II. this functionary called himself WM. SAMPSON COCK, and received annually, for his crowing, £9 2s. 6d.
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> Scarcely a hundred years ago, as the memoirs of CATHERINE II. tell us, when the Czar or Czarina was displeased with any Russian Prince, the Prince was made to cower down in the grand ante-chamber of the palace, and remained in this posture an appointed number of days, crowing, by order, like a hen cat, or clucking like a hen that is sitting, and pecking at his food on the floor.

One of the discoveries of the author in this kind of lost art, becomes seemingly, and perhaps really, the basis of his plot. The description is of a kind of human vampire that preyed, not upon the graves of the dead, but the minds and bodies of the living. He writes:

> The trade in children, during the seventeenth century, was made complete, as we have just explained, by a craft. The Comprachicos followed this trade and practiced this craft. They bought children, worked up a little this first material, and prepared it again.
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> The sellers were of every kind, from the miserable father getting rid of his family, to the master utilizing his stud of slaves. Selling men was a very simple affair. In our day, one is punished for maintaining this right. It may be remembered that, less than a century ago, the Elector of Hesse sold his subjects to the King of England, who wanted men for killing in America. They went to the Elector of Hesse as to a butcher to buy meat. The Elector of Hesse kept gun-flesh. This Prince hung up his subjects on nails in his shop. Bargain! Hanging are for sale. In England, under JEFFREYS, after the tragical adventure of MONMOUTH, many a Lord and gentleman was decapitated and quartered. These victims left wives and daughters—widows and orphans, whom JAMES II. presented, to the Queen his wife. The Queen sold these lots to WILLIAM PENN. It is probable that this King had discount allowed him, and so much per cent. What is surprising is, not that JAMES II. should have sold these women, but that WILLIAM PENN should have bought them.
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> The bargain by PENN is excused or explained herein, that PENN, having a desert to sow with men, had need of women. The women were a part of his implements.
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> These ladies were a good thing for her gracious Majesty the Queen. The young ones brought a high price. One has the uncomfortable sense of a complicated scandal, in reflecting that PENN probably got the old duchesses very cheap.
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> The Comprachicos were called also the Chevlas, a Hindoo word that signifies the spoilers of child-nests.
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> For a long period, the Comprachicos only half hid themselves. There is, sometimes, in the social arrangement, a penumbra, not unfavorable to nefarious crafts; they keep themselves alive therein. We have witnessed in our day, in Spain, an affiliation of this sort, directed by the bandit RAMON SELLES, last from 1834 to 1866, and keep for thirty years three provinces in a stete of alarm, Valencia, Alicante and Murcia.
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> Under the STUARTS, the Comprachicos were not in bad odor at Court. At need, state-craft made use of them. They were, for JAMES II. almost an *instrumentum regni*. It was the epoch when cumbersome and refractory families were thinned off, when dependants were cut short, when heirs were apparently suppressed. Sometimes one branch was defrauded for the benefit of another. The Comprachicos did one service—that of disfiguring—which recommended them politically. To disfigure is more advantageous than to kill. There was, in truth, the iron mask, but that was an awkward weapon. One can't people Europe with iron masks, while deformed mountebanks haunt the streets quite naturally. Besides, the mask of iron can be snatched off, and the masks of flesh cannot. Masking you forever with your own countenance—nothing is more ingenious. The Comprachicos worked up man as the Chinese work up a tree. They had secrets, as we have said; they had special dodges. This is a lost art. A certain fantastic stunting came from their hands. It was preposterous, but deep-set. They touched up a little being with so much tact that its father would not recognize it. "*Et que méconnaîtrait l'œil même de son père*," says RACINE, with an error in his French. Sometimes they left the dorsal column straight, but they remade the face. They took the mark out of a child as one takes the mark out of a handkerchief. The progeny intended for jugglers had their joints dislocated in a scientific way. They might be said to be boned. This made gymnasts.
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> Not only did they take away from the child his countenance; they also deprived him of his memory. At least they took away all they could. The child was unconscious of the mutilation that he had undergone. This fearful surgery left a trace upon his face, not in his mind. At the best he could but remember that one day he had been seized by certain men, that he had gone to sleep, and that then he had been cured. Cured of what?—he did not know. Burnings with sulphur and incisions by steel—he could recall nothing. The Comprachicos, during the operation, deadened the little patient by means of a stupefying powder that passed for magical, and that suppressed pain. This powder has been always known in China, and is used to this day. China has had, before us, all our inventions—printing, artillery, aërostation, chloroform—only the discovery that in Europe springs at once into life and growth, remains in embryo in China, and, though preserved, is dead. China is a glass bottle for a fœtus.
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> JAMES II. tolerated the Comprachicos; and for good reason—he made use of them. At least this happened to him more than once. One does not always disdain what one despises. Such lower calling, excellent expedient sometimes for the higher calling that is termed politics, was voluntarily left miserable, but was not persecuted. No superintendence, but a certain attention. It might be useful. The law shut one eye; the King opened another.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

History of its Operations for the Past Half Century—Description of the Bible House and What is Done There—Interesting Figures.

The vast pile of buildings which confront the Cooper Institute and cover the block bounded by Third-avenue, Fourth-avenue, Astor-place and Ninth-street, can never be regarded with indifference, for here flows the fountains of sacred lore for the New World, as from the British and Foreign Bible Society of London issue the Bibles for the Old World. This is true in a general sense, since the publication of Bibles by private firms sinks into insignificance when compared with the operations of these two gigantic Societies, which, like the wonderful double stars discovered by astronomers, move in the harmony of a mutual and concentric purpose.

The American Bible Society was founded in the City of New York in May, 1816, in a Convention composed of the representatives from twenty eight Bible Societies scattered throughout the different States of the Union. Mr. ELIAS BOUDINOT, the President of the New Jersey Bible Society, by whose exertions the preliminary arrangements were made, was elected the first President of the great National Society; and from that period down to the present time it has gone on developing in usefulness and power, until it has become one of the great institutions of the country. The early accommodations of the Society were of the most meagre character—now a small office in Cedar-street, then a rear room in Cliff-street, then a place in old Sloat-lane, now Hanover-street; and it was not till the sixth year of its existence that the Society had a house of its own. At first the printing of the Bibles was done by contract; but, in 1844, the policy of the Society in this respect was reconsidered by the Board of Managers, and, shortly afterward, they determined to print their own Bibles, Testaments and Psalters. In 1853 the Society removed from Nassau-street to the present building, the foundation-stone of which was laid on the 29th of June in the previous year. The cost of the edifice and ground was nearly $300,000; but, owing to the rise in the value of property, the building is now worth a great deal more. In 1854 the use of electrotype plates was first adopted, resulting in a great saving of outlay and immense facilities for producing the Scriptures. The Society owns at present about one hundred sets of stereotype and electrotype plates of the Bible, or portions thereof. Some of these, as the plates for the quarto and Imperial quarto Bibles, the Bible in raised letters for the blind, the royal octavo Bible, &c., are of great value, and among the very best specimens of modern typographic art. These plates are preserved with special care in fire-proof vaults beneath the building.

The front of the Bible House on Fourth-avenue is one hundred and ninety-eight feet nine inches; on Astor-place, two hundred and two feet ten inches; on Third-avenue, seventy-six feet eleven inches; on Ninth-street, two hundred and thirty-two feet six inches. There is a large open area in the centre, beneath which are placed the boilers for machinery and the steam generators for heating the rooms. The first story is twelve feet high; the second thirteen. There are four other stories, which vary from eleven feet to nine feet six inches. The whole building is faced with Philadelphia pressed brick.

The paper for printing Bibles is received on Ninth-street, and hoisted to the fifth story, where the first processes necessary to the manufacture of a book are carried on. Here the paper is wetted; here the type is set up; here the forms are electrotyped: and here the printing of the sheets is performed. There are twenty-one presses at work here day after day; and eighty persons are employed in the different departments, many of them being young girls and women. Almost all the presses are fed by females. Here, also, are the hydraulic presses, where the sheets for editions of a superior character are placed separately between glazed boards, and then subjected to a pressure of 500 or 600 tons, which takes out all the indentations made by the type, and leaves the sheets as smooth as glass. The Society spends annually about $150,000 for paper.

The sheets thus prepared descend to the fourth story, where all the operations in commencing the binding of a book are carried on. Girls fold the sheets, which are then placed in piles upon a table shaped like a horse-shoe, and here a young woman walks round and rapidly slips off sheet after sheet in regular order to make up the Bible. The bundles are then notched across the back by means of circular saws driven by machinery, and thence pass into the hands of the sewing girls. The room where these young women sit together at their work presents a remarkably cheerful and lively appearance. The room occupies the entire side fronting on Fourth-avenue; it is well lighted, and the table containing the Bibles on which the books are sewed run down the middle of the room, and is occupied on both sides by the girls at their work. There are about 220 persons employed on this floor, of which the large majority are girls.

The Bibles, advanced to this stage of manufacture, are then sent down to the third story, where the process technically known as "forwarding," which in fact consists in putting the book into covers, is carried on. On this floor 107 persons are employed. The principle of caste here begins to show itself. Hitherto the books, being mere bundles of paper sewn together, have, like men at their birth, presented very little difference to the eye. Now they begin to separate themselves into ranks; from the grand quarto Bible, bound in morocco and richly gilded, down to the unpretending little 32mo Testament uniformed in plain cloth, and sold for ten cents. All the processes by which they are wrought into this diversity of attire are performed with great skill and unvarying regularity. The cost of gold leaf, for the adornment of the books is quite a large item in the Society's outlay. The process of gilding entails one rather singular inconvenience upon the men who are engaged at it. Not a breath of air must be admitted into the apartment where gilding is carried on, or all these dazzling strips of gold leaf would take to themselves wings, and, like lovely gilded flies, float off with celerity to parts unknown. So, amid the most intense heats of Summer the men have to work on with closed windows, not daring to invite the entrance of those restless zephyrs that would refresh them.

The whole of these departments are under the charge of Mr. WM. MARTIN, Superintendent of Printing, a courteous gentleman, thoroughly informed in every detail of the work, and willing to communicate information of a very interesting character.

The Bibles, when completed, are sent down to the first floor, whereon are situated the depository and the salesroom. The depository is a large apartment, entirely filled with racks from floor to ceiling, in which the Bibles are piled in regular order. At present it does not appear to contain more than fifteen or twenty thousand volumes. "We have not a large stock on hand," said the Superintendent, "the demand is so great"—which is a very gratifying piece of news. The applications for Bibles, Testaments and Psalters for the Southern States are very urgent, and are, of course, filled as rapidly as possible. Among the editions lately completed with special reference to Southern wants is a beautiful "great primer" copy of the Gospel of St. John, in octavo. This divine work, issued in such bold and beautiful letter, is intended to serve as a reader in the adult colored schools, a purpose for which it seems excellently suited. The number of copies of the Bible distributed gratuitously to the freedmen in the South is very large. During the year 1864, the number of Bibles given to these persons was nearly twenty thousand, and the number given to them since has annually increased.

The general object of the American Bible Society, as stated in the first article of their Constitution, is "to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment;" and it is added, "the only copies in the English language to be circulated by the Society shall be the version now in common use,"—that is the version known as the King James' Bible. The instructions to the agents are: "Be discriminating, prompt, thorough and generous. Avoid waste, perversion and misuse of the Word of God; and let your distribution be a work of faith and labor of love, for the salvation of souls and the glory of God."

In addition to the various reprints of the English Bible, the Society is largely engaged in printing the Scriptures in foreign languages and dialects. Mr. MARTIN was kind enough to show us the collection of specimens of these various editions; and most of them are curious and interesting in the highest degree. To the American, perhaps, the collection of editions of the Indian Scriptures is as attractive as any. Here we have the Cherokee New Testament, printed, it is presumed, in that remarkable alphabet which was invented by an ingenious chief for the use of his tribe. The letters have more resemblance to the Russian than the Roman type. Then there are the same scriptures in the Ojibbeway and Dakota, Isaiah in Mohawk, and the New Testament in Choctaw. In turning over the leaves of the latter one is principally occupied with conjectures as to how any human being can manage to remember, let alone pronounce, words of such extraordinary length and structure. They resemble words spoken by no other races beneath the skies. The little Syriac Testament is an elegant work, as is also the same Scriptures in Armenian; this type, however, must be very fatiguing to the eye. There is a large edition of the New Testament in Slavic and Bulgarian, (upon opposite pages,) the letter of which in both languages seems very legible and handsome. But the principal achievement of the Society is its magnificent Arabic Bible, which was completed and printed last year. The translation of the Scriptures was performed by Dr. ELI SMITH and Dr. VAN WYCK, and each sheet was submitted to native scholars and to missionaries of different religious denominations conversant with Arabic. Its style of execution is a perfect transcript of the Arabic calligraphy of the Koran, according to a pattern designed by Dr. SMITH, and executed by Mr. HOMAN HALLOCK, of the Mission; and the letter is so delicate, distinct and beautiful that the most critical Mohammedan, who regarded with prejudice and as a profanation the printing of sacred books, receives this Bible with delight. Here, then, are the Scriptures available for the vast Arabic-speaking people—a population extending from Morocco and Timbuctoo on the west, beyond Calcutta on the east, and numbering at least one hundred and twenty millions. The Arabic Bible, without points, is an octavo book of 1,632 pages. Three sets of stereotype plates were prepared, of which one set has been retained in New-York; the second forwarded to the depository at Beirut, and the third presented to the British and Foreign Bible Society. There is also an Arabic Testament and Psalter, with points, of which three sets of stereotype plates have been prepared and disposed of in the same way. Editions of four thousand copies each have been struck off from these plates. One hundred cases of Bibles and Testaments in Arabic, Armenian, Syriac, Slavic and Bulgarian were lately forwarded to Rev. Mr. BLISS, the Society's agent in Constantinople. The number of foreign translations of the Scriptures toward the preparation of which the Society has contributed either directly or indirectly, and the expense of which it has borne, either wholly or in part, is forty-six. While the number of those toward the printing and distributing of which it has contributed is much larger. The Society has also, at great expense, prepared the Bible in raised letters for the blind, the stereotype plate from which this magnificent book is printed costing $13,000.

What then is the total amount of work accomplished by these societies? The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1804, and from that date to year 1867, it issued 48,000,000 of Bibles. The American Bible Society, founded in 1825, issued in the same period nearly 25,000,000 of Bibles. So that in the space of sixty-four years there had been poured out upon the nations of the earth the enormous number of 70,000,000 of Bibles—a truly astounding result, and one by which it is difficult to calculate the consequences. For this sowing of seed can hardly yet be come to harvest. The largest issues of Bibles have been made within the last few years; and for the results of this scattering of the Divine Word we must look forward among coming generations. In future events we must trace the persistence of Divine truth.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The Course of the British Government During the War—Recruitment of Americans.

From the London Spectator.

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Alas! the fleeting years glide by. Six laden with changes have passed wearily enough, as our souls were groaning beneath their trials, yet seeming now like the dreams of six troubled nights since I began my unwonted but welcome labors for the *Spectator*. But over all the old that these years have borne away, and all the new that they have brought in, there falls one dark, immutable, immovable shadow—a shadow cast by a resentment that twice was dying, and that long ago would have been dead, had it not been planted afresh in the bosoms of two generations, and that towers so high that it is ever in sight across the great ocean which divides two kindred peoples. It is the one constant positive force, the one unvariable element in our foreign politics. I hoped that it was withering; and certain facts even led me to believe, weakly and fondly, that I had done one mite a little share in its destruction. It is with grief that I am obligde to own that my hope was vanity and my fancy foolishness. *The old feeling here against the British Government and the British nation is as strong and as deep-rooted as ever.* It is a feeling that has a spring in the bosom of every "American;" and yet it is without the slightest tinge of personal resentment. Among the thousands of Englishmen and Scotchmen who have visited "the States," since the *Alabama* set out, in the eyes of the world, from a British port, for the destruction of the commerce of the United States, I believe that there is not one, I am sure that there are few, who did not meet a hearty welcome—a welcome which seemed, because it was, easier in the giving than in the receiving. And yet, speaking with the frankness and with the knowledge which are my only claims upon the attention of my readers, I am obliged to say that there is no hope of the speedy settlement of the grave questions in dispute between the two countries. I am obliged to confess also that the reason of this is an unwillingness on the part of the people here to settle those questions unless upon terms the acceptance of which by the British people is impossible, without a display of magnanimity on their part, of which it would be hard to find a parallel in history. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON'S course since he has been in London has given great offence here, not so much because of any particular line of policy that he, personally, has taken, but because that has misrepresented the tone of his country. He has borne himself as if he had been sent to conciliate the British Government and the British people; but he was sent, not to conciliate, but to be conciliated. The subject of the protocol which he has arranged is not regarded here as having been the result of negotiation and of mutual compromise. In any proposition for the accommodation of this difficult matter that will meet with favor among the "American" people, the starting-point must be that they have not only suffered material wrong, but been treated with studied and unconcealed insolity, and that this points to be settled are only the nature of the acknowledgment, the extent of the reparation, and the mode of the assurance to be given against a repetition of the same offences. The value of the vessels destroyed by the *Alabama* is looked upon as the smallest item in the bills against Great Britain. Far beyond that is the fact that our whole commerce was driven from the sea by vessels fitted out, sheltered, and refitted in British ports; and even this enormous material wrong is of less influence upon the mood in which our people regard the subject than the spirit in which that wrong was done, and suffered to be done. The latter is not first considered by those who represent both peoples, they are comparatively indifferent about the first, and even the second. For this is the great difficulty in the dissipation of the cloud that lowers between us—that the wrong complained of is one that cannot be paid for with dollars and cents. You might as well offer a gentleman a guinea, or a thousand guineas, for an insult to his wife. What are called the *Alabama* claims are mere occasions for the reparation of an indignity the greatest that one civilized nation ever suffered from another. The money paid in damages, if, indeed, it be taken quickly enough—by the individuals whose property was destroyed; but, as far as the people are concerned, that money would be only a visible sign and witness of an aknowledgment of wrong-doing on the part of the British Government and the British people. The latter are not very much inclined to sit down quietly to the eating of a good large slice of humble-pie, and yet I do not see how this question is to be settled without some such performance. Otherwise, the feeling of "Americans," too generally I fear, is such that they will say: "Very well, if the British people are not willing to begin by admitting that they have done us wrong, let the matter stand. We can afford to wait for our money, or to do without it; and, meanwhile, we can also wait for an opportunity of letting the British people read the law of international comity by the light of their own burning ships. And from the war which might be the consequence of this measuring to Great Britain as she meted it to us, we do not shrink; we neither seek it, nor avoid.' Mr. SEWARD has throughout his correspondence expressed the feeling of those for whom he professed to speak in his insisting that the chief wrong we suffered, the source of all other wrongs, the wrong of which they were the mere consequences or concomitants, was the recognition of belligerent rights in the rebels. The plea that I have seen lately urged in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, that the Supreme Court has decided that the proclamation or existence of a blockade is in itself evidence of war, technical war, and therefore of the existence of two parties to the war with belligerent rights, is not regarded here as having any bearing on this question—as having no more, indeed, than it would have upon the condition of things that would arise if Yorkshire were to take arms for some fancied grievance, and the British Government to cut off munitions of war from the insurgents, were to proclaim a blockade of its ports on the German Ocean. The recognition by us of such insurgents as belligerents would be regarded as a parallel case to the recognition of our insurgents as such at the time of the issuing of the Queen's proclamation.

But it is needless, and worse than needless, to discuss this subject any more. There is nothing new to be said upon it. All the facts are known to both parties, and to all the world. And unfortunately not only are the facts well known, the damages easily to be estimated, and the how of the whole matter as plain as day, but nehcer we nor the world were left in any doubt as to the why. Mr. LAIRD'S doings and those of his coadjutors were explained to us in very good English by Peers, and members of Parliament, and Ministers, and leading journalists, and the purposes of all these people were but the plainer for the protest of an honorable few so feeble that they were powerless, as was made manifest in every event. This is the case—this and that tone toward us which is the consequence of mistaking the inhabitants of a new country for a new people, and which prevents the British people, but not individual Englishmen and Scotchmen, from treating the "American" people just as if they were Englishmen in another country, neither scorning them, nor flattering, nor wondering, nor curiously examining, but taking them as a matter of course. The same journal that I have already mentioned has recently expressed a great desire to know how "Americans" can be treated so as not to offend what it calls their sensitive nature. There is nothing easier to be told; and there is, I venture to say, no great sensitiveness in the case—not more than is the natural fruit of some three or four generations of rather rough treatment. Just leave off considering at all how "the Americans" should be treated, and behave to them as you would to your countrymen if England were divided politically, and all north of the Severn were to set up a new government to-morrow. That is all the secret.

What I have written is not an expression of my own feeling, or that of the large, although by no means dominant, part of my countrymen who generally think with me. In this matter of the *Alabama* and the like, I feel that we, being at once the injured and the successful party, could afford to be magnanimous. That we could say, "Hear us, for we speak in sad earnestness. You have made a great mistake, you have done us wrong, and have acted foolishly. You seem to feel this now yourselves, and yet not to see the way of requiting your wrong and atoning for your folly without a humiliation that you think would cost you your self-respect. You are wrong again; you would stand up more worthy of respect for your acknowledgment and your reparation. But we do not insist on your passing through what you regard as degradation. Once more let bygones be bygones. Remember what an awful blunder you have made, and open no such new account with us, unless you would have us undertake the settlement of that and of the old ones in out own way—a way that we both of us should rue, and not only we, but all mankind, as long as memory holds her place in this distracted globe.' I am, Sir, &c.,

A YANKEE.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Generals Butler and Schenck—Butler and the Speaker—The Defeat of Defrees.

From the Cincinnati Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 22, 1869.

Those who were aware of the persistency with which Mr. BUTLER dogged the steps of Speaker BLAINE before the committees were announced; who knew that he left no influences either of persuasion or threats untried to secure important positions, and who noticed the sullen anger written all over his face when the committees were being read, fully expected a demonstration by way of retaliation from him at an early day. In this expectation all agreed; but how, or just when it would come, none could determine. Mr. BUTLER himself answered these questions of the curious much sooner than any one expected.

The accusation the very next day, in open House, that Mr. SCHENCK was in the whisky ring was his reply. SCHENCK, he believed, had fought him off the Committee of Ways and Means. BLAINE, he asserted, had virtually promised him the Chairmanship of Appropriations, but when he found he was not to have it, he wrote a friendly (?) note to BLAINE intended to create the impression with the initiated that he had declined it. This precluded a direct attack on BLAINE; and so BUTLER turned to SCHENCK. An item providing that certain salaries and expenses should be paid by distillers instead of the Government had been dropped out in the enrolling of an Appropriation bill. It involved a million and a half of dollars. BUTLER, with that indirectness of his which, with him, constitutes galling directness, charged that SCHENCK acted in the interest of the whisky ring, in defending the error, if error it was; and before he finished he had pointedly charged that SCHENCK himself was in the whisky ring, and that his matters should be investigated.

Though nothing further has been said on the floor, a great deal has been said in private, and the feeling on both sides is very bitter. Each party is daring the other to come on, and if either one or the other accepts the challenge, the country will not want for interesting developments.

TELEGRAMS AND DETECTIVES.

It is no wonder BUTLER is feared by his fellow members. During the months preceding impeachment, and those which followed, he had detectives in all parts of the country, and no small part of their time is believed to have been spent in spying out the affairs of prominent men in each House.

But his great mine of wealth was the mass of telegrams he inspected. These passed under his eye by thousands, and it is fair to infer that nothing which a lawyer of his acuteness and active business will was allowed to escape him. With these to aid him, he summoned witnesses and asked questions concerning his associates, which added to his stock the increased value of sworn testimony to verify or explain the substance matter of the dispatches.

It is said that he bases his charges against General SCHENCK both upon telegrams and testimony thus obtained, and so an air of mystery is thrown over the whole affair, which is creating unusual interest.

But the battle, if joined, will not be all on BUTLER'S side. General SCHENCK is just as positive as BUTLER ever was, and has plenty of excellent ammunition to hurl at him. No cunning weaving together of a few disconnected dispatches, supported by testimony from which portions have been expurgated, as in previous mosaics which the Massachusetts member has presented to the House, will go for anything with General SCHENCK. He is quite able to riddle all such devices.

The only definite thing which has leaked out concerning BUTLER'S purposes, and what he knows, is that he intends to press the matter, and that he says he has sworn testimony to the effect that a whisky man drew an important whisky clause in the Revenue bill for SCHENCK, and that the latter was in the ring with the witness. When BUTLER attempts to make the House believe this, or any similar charge of its importance, then the tug of war will come.

Then it is expected that SCHENCK will be charged with selling out himself to the whisky ring, and agreeing, for certain considerations, to suppress evidence taken before his Committee to investigate failure of impeachment. And as a matter of like character the House may, for the first time, learn what evidence was taken over the cerning Senator POMEROY which it was deemed best to suppress. And if the notes are destroyed, as the witnesses are still alive, it may be possible to astonish even Mr. BUTLER. At least some friends of General SCHENCK incline strongly to that opinion.

The country may well be desirous of having the challenge given accepted. And from the intimations given above, it is very easy to see that the contest will bring to light quite another side of the corruption which all believe was connected with the attempts to defeat impeachment, and expose in their real characters some Senators and members who have heretofore been able to hide their influences. At least no other Senator than the seven who were so severely denounced may find before the Butler-Schenck battle ends that time makes all things even. It may be that the session will close before any open steps will be taken on either side, but the bitterness excited is such that the matter will not be allowed to die.

As already stated, BUTLER'S smothered wrath broke forth under a belief that SCHENCK had been the chief man in fighting him off the Ways and Means. His story is that BLAINE came down to Lowell last Summer, and virtually promised him the Chairmanship of Appropriations if he would go against DAWES. When DAWES withdrew BLAINE insisted upon placing him in that place instead of BUTLER. Then, as he says, he was put on Ways and Means, and just as the Committees were to be announced, on a certain Friday, SCHENCK and some others, at the last moment, faced BLAINE down, compelled him to postpone the announcement till the next Monday, and finally succeeded in getting BUTLER'S name scratched off. When BUTLER heard of this he watched for BLAINE, but the latter cunningly eluded him. After the House opened on Monday, in order to avoid him till the last moment, the Speaker left the chair and passed into the room of the Committee on Appropriations, giving orders to the messenger at the door to let no one in, and to bring in no cards. BUTLER followed not far behind, and was stopped. He insisted upon entering. The messenger told him the Speaker was in there. "He is not the man I want to see," said BUTLER. "But he wants to be alone, and gave orders that no one should see him," said the doorkeeper. "Then I'll wait till he comes out," replied the General, and with this he began to pace like a vigilant sentinel before the door. Shortly after some one called him to go into the House. To this he replied that he was waiting for BLAINE.

"BLAINE is in the chair," said his friend.

The astonished General darted into the Chamber, and, sure enough, the Speaker was in his place and almost ready to announce the committees. BUTLER says BLAINE never got through the door he was watching.

There were only two other ways—one up the chimney, and the other out the window.

Desperate circumstances demand desperate expedients.

And so Mr. BUTLER has his hands full. The Bingham campaign is not closed, though each army is just now quiet in camp. The Schenck war is opening vigorously. The above gives only an outline view of the Blaine battle. The results of the two last named will be full of interest to the country.

THE SENATE WRANGLE.

The House is by no means having all the spicy things to itself. The tricks by which Mr. DEFREES was thrown overboard, and the complications which they involve, are full of interest. Senator HAMLIN had an old score to settle with DEFREES, as well as a late one. He believed that Mr. LINCOLN was induced to defeat him at Baltimore, and had sent DEFREES on a mission to help accomplish it. Then DEFREES had engineered the nomination of COLFAX at Chicago. FENTON had the same grievance. MORTON was on one side of a deep-seated Indiana feud and DEFREES on another. This triple combination easily defeated him. The work was all so secret that none except the parties to it were made aware of the movement till just as the caucus was assembling.

Most of the Indianians here are strong partisans of DEFREES. The large majority outside of those directly interested think the whole movement an excessively mean one, and entirely worthy of Albany graduates. One of the first things that occurred to most, when the word went round that DEFREES had been defeated, was that the Senate had struck a blow at its presiding officer's nearest friend. It has been admitted on all sides, since the Chicago Convention, that Mr. DEFREES' good management secured the nomination of Mr. COLFAX, and the action of the Senate called all the circumstances to mind again. But it does not appear that their relations entered into the scheming of the caucus. At any rate Senator MORTON, who has long been a strong opponent of Mr. DEFREES, wishes it to be understood that he is on the best terms with Mr. COLFAX, and no action of his in caucus was even remotely directed at his friend, the Vice-President. There is a little incident connected with the affair, which well illustrates the strong feeling which it has excited.

As the story goes, one of the chief actors, not long since, being absent from Washington in the interest of another, received the following dispatch in return for a great service rendered: "God bless you, my friend, and reward you, as I never can." A day or two after the result of the caucus became known this dispatch was returned to its author by a friend of the one who first received it, with this indorsement: "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." The effect of this can be imagined. It is like the letting loose of foxes with fireband attachments in the standing corn of Washington society.

OTHER FEUDS.

Aside from this which is of general interest, there is a bitter struggle going on within the Indiana delegation, and one of scarcely less intensity in the Missouri circle. The advent of General WILL CUMBACK and his friends in search of office gave rise to the first. It seems that a part of the House delegation, from the State first named, became aware of a movement on the part of CUMBACK'S friends to prevent any of the "bolters" from getting office, and so when CUMBACK appeared the war waxed warm. But as each party can make itself heard in the Senate, it is believed that the spoils will not be entirely controlled by either, especially if GRANT cut this knot as he has some others, and takes disputed cases up for settlement by using names of his own selection.

In all these various feuds there is good promise for the country. Every ring in either House will have its enemy, and the chance for successful jobbing will be vastly diminished. The country can spare a good many cats. H. V. B.

THE PARDON OF MARTIN.

Motion in the United States District Court for his Discharge—Statement by District-Attorney Hillard.

On a motion by Mr. RANNEY, made to the United States Circuit Court in Boston on Wednesday afternoon, for the discharge of Mr. MARTIN, District-Attorney GEORGE S. HILLARD addressed the Court as follows, according to a report in the *Advertiser:*

I ask the indulgence of the Court in a few remarks, because the case is one of grave importance and of great moment in its legal and moral aspects. The Marshal received the pardon on the 5th of March, a document entirely unlike the usual form of a pardon. The words "and thereupon was sentenced to —— on the —— day of" are erased. The word "sentence" is used when there has been no sentence. It is in the handwriting of the Assistant Secretary of the State, as I am informed. It reached the hands of the Marshal by mail on the 5th of March, and in the afternoon of that day was recalled to Washington. The present Attorney-General, upon consideration of the subject, held that the pardon, having been delivered to the Marshal, took effect, and caused the document to be returned. In his opinion I think he was right as a matter of law. It is, however, the usage for pardons to be sent to the United States Attorney for Massachusetts, that he may consider and report upon the case, and upon his report, and not until such report has been made, is it granted by the Executive. For the first time in my official experience has this been omitted, in by far the most important case in which a pardon has been granted during my term in this district. It is not proper to state outside rumors as to the sources from which this movement originated, which resulted in a pardon. I do, however, beg leave to protest against the great want of official propriety on the part of the Executive and his advisers, in not applying to this office for a report upon the case. And if it were not the last act of an expiring administration, but was the act of an administration which was to continue in power, it would be for me to consider whether I could any longer hold an office in consideration of such want of propriety in an act so unwarrantable as this.

There are, besides, other considerations arising from the nature of the offence. It is a matter of great public moment. So far as this pardon and the acquittal of SMITH are concerned, it would seem to be a rule that any man in care of money may embezzle the funds of the District, when he did not squander it upon his own living, but for purposes of speculation either for himself or for others. MARTIN and SMITH have caused the destruction of a million of dollars. It is a matter for business men and State-street to consider. It would be improper for me to interpose any technical objection to the pardon. It absolves MARTIN from punishment for all acts charged against him in that particular indictment. There are two other indictments. I did not propose to pursue Mr. MARTIN under those. I don't know that I shall do so now. But I do not wish to bind myself to that declaration. I deem it fair to state that I am informed by the President of the bank that new matter for charges against MARTIN have been found, and it may be my duty to bring the attention of the Grand Jury to them. I have also been informed that MARTIN has taken measures to leave the State. All I have to ask the Court is, that it will take the suggestion made by Mr. FIELD. The bail should bring Mr. MARTIN into Court and surrender him. The bail may then be discharged. If Mr. MARTIN is guilty, he ought not to be allowed to escape.

Mr. RANNEY in reply said: When this pardon was obtained the Government was informed of the fact, and I understood that no objection would be made to it. The remarks of the District-Attorney somewhat surprise me. I have always been informed that the offence of which MARTIN was convicted was the only one on which he was to be tried; that the result in that indictment would end the whole matter. There is an indictment against MARTIN and FELTON charging them with conspiracy to defraud. A demurrer was filed, and there never has been any intimation until this hearing that it was the intention of the Government to prosecute MARTIN on this indictment.

Mr. HILLARD—I never intended to prosecute MARTIN on the other indictments, and have no purpose now, either way, of trying him or not trying him upon them.

Mr. RANNEY—Since Mr. MARTIN then has been found guilty upon one indictment, the pardon of the Executive should be regarded as having the same effect as if he had been acquitted. It has been intimated that MARTIN intends leaving the State, but such is not the fact. He has had no such intention. It is also said that new matters have been discovered in the bank. But of this we can have no knowledge. The District-Attorney has arraigned the Government for the want of courtesy in not consulting him before granting the pardon. This is a matter between himself and the Government. There is no complaint concerning the part which Mr. MARTIN took. It is known that the application was made upon the petition of a large number of influential persons in Boston. There was laid before the Executive the record of the case, certified copies of the indictments, with a full report of the case taken at the trial. These documents were before the Executive three or four—perhaps six—weeks before the pardon was granted. The District-Attorney was not consulted, but that was a matter of courtesy. I have reason to believe that this was not done because of the crowding of business at the closing hours of the Administration. It was not done because there was not time to do it, and perhaps because it was well known that the District-Attorney would not have recommended it if he had been consulted. The President in the exercise of his discretion—

Mr. HILLARD—His indiscretion.

Mr. RANNEY—Has granted the pardon, as he had full power to do under the Constitution. As to the matter of Mr. MARTIN'S absence from Court at this time, it is not necessary that he should be present. There has been no intimation that he would be wanted here to-day. He has always been ready and will

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Telegrams from Hong Kong, *via* London, report the total loss of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *Herman*, with a large number of Japanese troops on board, all of whom were drowned.

The Emperor NAPOLEON has demanded an explanation of the King of Prussia in regard to the recent mobilization of troops in the Western Provinces.

The Turkish Minister had arrived in Athens, and amicable relations were resumed botween the two countries.

Advices from Spain render it certain that MONTPENSIER will be proclaimed King, and that he will arrive in Spain within a fortnight.

CUBA.

The steamer *Commanditario*, a regular packet between Havana and Cardenas, was seized while on her passage last Tuesday by Cubans, who were on board as passengers. The ladies, crew and Captain were landed at Basque Key, and the *Commanditario* made for Nassau, N. P. She had but one day's supply of coal, and was reported off Styrup Keys under sail. A Spanish man-of-war was sent in pursuit of her.

The report that a heavy battle had been fought between the Government troops and the insurgents on the Remedios road is denied.

The United States flagship *Contoocook*, Admiral HOFF commanding, arrived at Havana yesterday.

Late advices represent SALNAVE in a precarious situation, owing to the state of the finances.

GENERAL.

In the Baltimore City Court on Friday a suit was instituted against the Commercial and Farmers' National Bank and the cashier, by Mr. JOSEPH E. BOYD, who claims $25,000 damages for arrest and imprisonment, on the charge of attempting to pass a forged check on the 11th November last. A woman named HANNAH MEYERS confessed that she forged the signature of the firm in whose name the check was drawn, and the Grand Jury dismissed on 15th February, the charge against Mr. BOYD.

The Massachusetts delegation in both Houses have signed a paper requesting the President to retain Judge RUSSELL as Collector of Customs in Boston.

Of one hundred and twenty-four cottages and villas offered to let in Newport for the coming season, seventy-six have thus far been negotiated for at prices ranging from $300 to $4,000. The season this year promises to be a lively one in Newport.

A Washington paper says that the Secretary of State has received a copy of a recent decree of the Portuguese Government, which declares that the obligations of the freedmen reserved by the previous decrees abolishing slavery in the dominions of that Kingdom are to terminate entirely on and after the 29th of April, 1878.

The House Military Committee have agreed upon a bill extending the law for the payment of private soldiers at the rate of $16 per month until Aug. 30, 1870. The present law will expire Aug. 30, of the present year, and the pay of the enlisted men will go back to $11 and $12 per month, the rate before the war, unless the bill is passed by Congress.

The monument which is to be erected at Albany to the memory of the late DEAN RICHMOND is to be constructed of granite, lined with pure white marble. The cost will be about $28,000.

Mr. HENRY BERGH, of New-York, will address the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on the evening of March 30.

The Court-house at Bennington, Vt., was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. A large portion of the Court records were lost. Hon. A. B. GARDNER lost a valuable law library and his papers.

Governor HOLDEN, of North Carolina, on Thursday, issued a requisition on the Public Treasurer for bonds to the amount of $1,440,000 as a loan to the Northwestern North Carolina Railroad Company—it having been certified to him by the President and Chief Engineer that $156,000 in solvent subscriptions had been made and five per cent. of said amount paid to said Company.

At Portland, on Thursday afternoon, Dr. JAMES FOBES, surgeon of the steamship *St. George*, belonging in Aberdeen, Scotland, about 37 years of age, died very suddenly. He appeared to be in his usual good health at dinner, but soon after was taken with vomiting and expired in a few minutes.

The suit now pending between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and JAMES FISK, Jr., having been removed to the United States Court, it is stated that General B. F. BUTLER and Hon. CALEB CUSHING have been employed as counsel on the part of the railroad company.

Lieutenant CASEY, of the Fourth Artillery while drilling his company at Fort Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, was shot through the head by a private soldier and killed. The soldier claims that the shooting was accidental, but as he had been punished but a short time previous by the Lieutenant's order, he was arrested and placed in irons till an investigation can be made.

The wealthy Episcopalians of Syracuse have purchased a $25,000 residence for their new Bishop, Dr. HUNTINGTON.

The steamboat war on the Upper Mississippi has been amicably settled, and the passenger rates agreed upon are as follows: St. Paul to La Crosse, $7; St. Paul to Prairie du Chien, $9; St. Paul to Dunleith, $11; St. Paul to St. Louis, $20.

Certain Protestant Episcopalians in the diocese of Illinois have issued a protest against what they believe to be the Romanizing tendencies of Bishop WHITEHOUSE and others of his school. A convention of all who sympathize with this protest is called to meet in Chicago in June next, for discussion and consultation.

About two years ago a young colored man was appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department, the first appointment of the kind; and a day or two since Miss E. J. KETCHAM, of Philadelphia, received an appointment to a clerkship, the first instance of a colored woman being appointed in any of the departments of the Government.

Seventy females were discharged from the Treasury Department on Friday. The discharges were from various bureaus, and considerable sensation has been created in consequence.

The breaks in the Delaware and Hudson Canal have been repaired, and the line is again open.

JAMES D. MARTIN, late Cashier of the Hide and Leather Bank, in Boston, was yesterday discharged by the United States Circuit Court.

The semi-annual dividends payable by the Boston banks on the 1st of April will amount to $2,103,500. The changes are very few, the dividends being, with three exceptions, the same as in October last. Since that date the Boston banks have increased, or proposed to increase, their capital to the extent of $3,300,000. The total amount paid in dividends by the banks and miscellaneous corporations on Thursday will be $3,950,363, against $3,210,885 in October, 1868. The State of Massachusetts and the City of Boston will pay, as usual, the interest on their bonds in specie. The gold payments amount to $133,033.

The Buffalo Board of Trade yesterday indorsed the resolution of the New-York City Produce Exchange in regard to the enlarging and improvement of the State canals.

General STONEMAN removed from office yesterday Governor WELLS and Mayor BURGESS, of Petersburg, Va.

The steamship *Cimbria* arrived at Queenstown at 12:30 yesterday morning.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued orders to fit out the iron-clads *Galena* and *Seminole*, now at the Portsmouth Navy-yard, to proceed to reinforce the West India Squadron. These war vessels are of the first class, and it is thought their presence in Cuban waters will act as a restraint upon any lawless conduct toward American interests on the part of the Spanish authorities.

It is announced that ALMON M. and H. H. CLAPP have sold their interest in the Buffalo *Express*, on account of the former having been appointed Congressional Printer. The paper will hereafter be owned and conducted by Messrs. LARNED, KENNETT and SELKIRK.

No clue to the mysterious murder of Mr. SMITH, the Janitor of Girard Hall, has yet been discovered by the detectives.

Suspected burglars were arrested early yesterday in Newark. One offender escaped, leaving his coat in the grasp of the officer.

The steamer *Kennebec* was found disabled off Wood Island yesterday, and towed into Saco by a fisherman.

Two ladies were elected members of the School Committee at West Concord, N. H., yesterday.

Confidence operators in Detroit swindled a stock broker by the name of WILKINS out of $5,000 yesterday.

Governor HOFFMAN has vetoed a bill to incorporate a secret society of Albany, on the ground that special legislation is not required, the statutes at large authorizing such incorporation. He intimates that members of the Legislature should study their own enactments a little more closely.

A dispatch from Omaha says there is no doubt that the Navajoes have taken possession of the country south, between there and the Colorado. It is also reported that they are trying to form an alliance with the Pah Utes and other tribes, and intend to make a general raid on the settlement.

The Assembly Committee on Contested Elections met yesterday, at the Metropolitan Hotel. No evidence, however, was taken, owing to the absence of witnesses, and the investigation was adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, when testimony will be given on the part of the incumbent, Mr. HALPINE.

The diminutive vessel, *Red, White and Blue*, registered two and one-fourth tons, which made a trip to Europe last Summer, under the command of Captain HUDSON, and crew of one man and a dog, and astonished all the world by the daring feat, arrived safely at this port yesterday, from Havre, packed up in the hold of the French steamer *Europa*.

WILLIAM FORESTER, an escaped convict from the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., was arrested in Houston-street by a Deputy Sheriff yesterday afternoon. He made some resistance to the officer, and a crowd soon gathered, when THEODORE ALLEN interfered, and beside aiding in the rescue of the prisoner, made a ferocious assault upon the officer. ALLEN was arrested and taken before Justice LEDWITH, where he explained that he did not know FORESTER to be a prisoner, but thought him merely a citizen, being imposed upon. Upon this explanation the Justice discharged ALLEN.

The Annual Poultry Fair at the Empire Skating Rink closed yesterday. Hon. ERASTUS BROOKS delivered an address before the Society last evening.

The number of deaths registered in this City for the week ending yesterday was 483; the number of marriages, 216; and the number of births, 297.

During last week the Police arrested in this City 1,157 persons, as follows: Saturday, 21st, 162; Sunday, 22d, 91; Monday, 23d, 179; Tuesday, 24th, 194; Wednesday, 25th, 172; Thursday, 26th, 198; Friday, 27th, 161.

Protection to Immigrants.

The *Foster* fever-ship tragedy has assumed a new phase. Another act in the terrible drama is about to open. The heartless ruffians to whose inhuman acts are mainly, if not directly, to be traced the suffering, sickness, and death among the helpless passengers and crew of that ill-fated ship, are in the hands of the law, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the ends of justice may be attained, and that these men may have justice—full justice—meted out to them. With their fate we, as public journalists, have nothing to do. But whether the death of so many of the crew and passengers can be traced directly to them or not, we cannot efface the melancholy testimony of their unfortunate victims, or the more mature convictions to which the record of that testimony has brought us.

The case of the *Foster* is by no means a solitary or singular one. The horrors of emigrant ships, and the suffering and privations to which emigrants are subjected on their passage between Europe and this port, are only too familiar in the minds of many of our readers. With the increased and constantly increasing advantages of steam navigation, and the greatly increased number of those taking passage in steam vessels, the amount of suffering among passengers has been very materially diminished. But while this is so, the liability to recurrence of such cases as the *Foster* remains just as great as before, and they will remain so long as emigrant ships are allowed to leave port regardless of the provisions of the British Passenger act, and without an officer on board to protect its helpless inmates from the grasping cupidity of unscrupulous shippers on the one hand, and the malignant tyranny and heartless cruelty of incompetent seamen on the other.

According to the testimony elicited on the examination, not only were the *Foster's* passengers put on short rations before they had been forty-eight hours at sea, but the carpenter, who seems to have usurped and controlled the offices of cook, steward and storekeeper, and to have administered the victualing department of the ship, perfectly regardless of supervision from any quarter, had inaugurated his reign of terror, and kicked, cuffed and starved his poor crew, and still more helpless passengers at will. This could not have happened had a proper officer been on beard to see that the rations were properly distributed and cooked, and to hold officers of the ship responsible for acts such as were daily committed in cool blood and in open defiance of all proper discipline or law. The rights of emigrants are but too little respected among us. Apart from all considerations of public policy we owe these poor people, annually flocking to our shores, the largest measure of protection which our laws can extend to them. We do not know how far our own Castle Garden Board of Commissioners may be able to cooperate with the properly constituted authorities of the several European Governments in this matter, but we feel assured that were the right direction given to negotiations between them concert of action might easily be arrived at between them, and the recurrence of such melancholy spectacles as that presented by the *Foster* avoided for the future. In the interests of humanity we shall be truly glad to chronicle the inauguration of some such movement. Meanwhile, let the trial of these prisoners proceed. The blood of these poor murdered crewsmen and passengers of the *Foster* cries aloud for justice.

Abominations in Fashions.

It is a notorious fact that we get all our fashions as well as many of our vices from the barbarians and the barbarous ages. We have nearly exterminated the Indian race, but we have universally adopted their bad use of tobacco. The vulgar looking chignon, perched disgustingly high on the back of the head and heating the brain, until one wonders that the ladies have any sense left them, is borrowed, so DU CHAILLU assures us, from the blackamoors of Africa. False hair and hair of an unnatural color are but repetitions of the vanities of Queen ELIZABETH, who, if not precisely barbarous, was decidedly ugly,—a fault fully as objectionable in any lady. In short, our new customs are old. Slightly altering, a crusty old bachelor might still claim, with SHAKESPEARE'S surly and honest country lord in the play,

> "*Old* customs,
> Though they be never so ridiculous,
> Nay, let them be unseemanly, yet are followed."

The young ladies seem determined to return to the abominable use of the court-plaster patches, or "beauty spots," with which their mothers use to disfigure their faces twenty or twenty-five years ago. A promenade of Broadway any pleasant afternoon reveals these blemishes of beauty in great profusion. The desired effect of contrast between the complexion and the patch is not a striking one, and is wholly lost on the majority of men who have eyes for features rather than for complexions, and who, as a rule, do not prefer pallor to ruddiness. The ladies do not know from what class of fashionables or age of the world this fashion is descended to them, nor what greater blemish resulting from dissipation this blemish of the patch was originally intended to conceal, or else they would abandon its use at once. We do not very well know how to tell them in plain language why it was first used, but perhaps their physicians may. Patches are among the few fashions in vogue at this time, at the display of which men grow disgusted as well as satirical. To those who are determined to continue the abominable practice, we extend, with heartfelt commiseration, the advice of the old satirist of the age, when disease originated the fashion of patching. Said this satirical monster to a lady:

> "I own that patching's requisite for you,
> For more we're pleased the less your face we view;
> Yet I advise, since my advice you ask,
> Wear but one patch, and be that patch—a mask."

Can anything more senseless, inconvenient, uncomfortable and unshapely, everything in fact but unfashionable, be imagined than the present style of heels to ladies' shoes. "French heels" they are called, we believe, probably because it is common to believe that the fashions come to us from France, when in reality they come *vid* Germany from the remote dark ages. These heels have four formidable objections. They are high—too high by two inches; they are curved; they narrow from the shoe down until a point no larger than the button of a billiard cue touches the ground; and though fastened at one end of the shoe, the curve brings the point to the ground almost under the instep. The narrow sole is stiffened to retain a certain arched shape, no matter how flat the foot may be, and nature, not the leather, must bend,—the foot is set to the shoe, not the shoe to the foot. They are naturally prolific of bunions and corns, and worse still, they produce in walking that most ungraceful of all attitudes—the "Grecian bend." We have seen numerous letters from ladies, who confess that when first attempting to wear shoes with such heels they could not stand alone. They are as difficult to learn as the velocipede. Ladies have frequently to practice on them for several days before venturing on the streets; and then it is only to be smiled at for the queer figures they cut. The folly of the use of such a shoe for walking is apparent to all—except the fashionable wearers, who will be better able, perhaps, to appreciate the ridiculousness of their position when we inform them that shoes of this pattern and heel were designed solely for the fair equestrians of the French Court, and that no one of them ever thinks of attempting to walk in them. How would the fair METTERNICH and the Empress sigh to think that the aristocratic fashion they stole from their ancestors of the age of LOUIS XV. are being put to a plebeian (and foolish) use by the foolish (and plebeian?) ladies of America!

And that other producer and aggravator of the abominable "Grecian bend,"—the panniers. It is late in the day to rail at a fashion that is almost dead, but we cannot resist the temptation to wish it good speed and a long absence. It is only maintained now by the miliners, who endeavor to keep it in favor because its multiform and complicated shapes require equally complicated cuts of other garments too difficult for the ladies to manufacture for themselves. We wish just here to protest, too, against a fashion of the fashion modistes themselves. Not at their introduction of abominations in fashion, but at their dilatoriness in introducing new styles. Ladies of fashion flatter themselves that they obtain the latest styles simultaneously with their appearance in Europe, but it is not true. The modistes with stocks of goods on hand are never in a great hurry to introduce new styles which destroy the value of old ones; and the new styles are not displayed in the shops until fashionable ladies returning from Europe with the latest styles have aired them on the streets. We have seen descriptions and illustrations of new styles published in the *Berlin Bazar* and its American reprint, *Harper's Bazar*, in March as Spring styles which American modistes introduced here three months after as Fall styles. And while in this grumbling mood, let us not fail to suggest the dilatoriness of fashion papers in general. And, still further, their general lack of practicality. They are seldom of practical use, patterns and all, to ladies. Even the *Bazar*, which aims at practicality, and for the greater part is by far the most useful of the fashion papers, is every week made heavy by dissertations on medical subjects, not of the slightest interest to lady readers.

It is rank heresy, we suppose, to enter a protest against blonde hair while it is still all the rage; but we sincerely hope that no more American ladies will be led to destroy their complexion for all time, and endanger their eyesight, by a desire to be in what must be a temporary fashion. The rage for this fashion has been brought about by ladies on the stage. It is a style in which unnatural light is absolutely necessary to produce the desired effect. It is necessary, also, that not only shall the hair itself be dyed, but the complexion of the face must be as carefully made up to match. Where the face of a brunette, with hair dyed the raging color, is not powdered and painted with great care, the complexion of the face takes the hue of the hair, and the subject becomes as yellow and jaundiced as jealousy or an Asiatic. Loss of sight has been known to result from the use of the dye, and there is one record of paralysis of the arm, in this City, from the use of the same stuff. Some of the best hairdressers of this City order the dye for their customers, but, we are told, positively refuse to apply it.

Lately one of the fashion papers threatened us with a return to the quaint styles of HENRY III.; and in doing so revealed the manner in which fashions are sometimes set. If true, it is another abomination against which we protest. Setting fashions from pique is no more justifiable than declaring war in anger, or buying stocks on speculation; yet the Princess METTERNICH, of whom, as the first lady to loop up her dress skirts to keep them from trailing in the streets, we had conceived the most favorable opinion, is represented as deciding to introduce the styles of the Middle Ages, because some gentlemen to whom she was showing a book of costumes laughed at these fashions. It is abominable to set fashions in this way.

Doubtless these very gentlemen, at the very time they were laughing at HENRY III. and his quaint fashions, were groaning under the torture of the steel corsets and tight lacing which they had stolen from him. We are glad to think that this abominable enormity will probably never be widely adopted, in this country, at least, where men pride themselves on their size rather than their want of it. But if the threatened adoption of the styles of HENRY III., by the ladies, is carried out, there is no telling to what extent fashionable men in imitation of that weak monarch may tight-lace their corsets, pad their hips, and pierce their ears. Fashion protect us from this last abomination!

The Case of John Real.

JOHN REAL, the convicted murderer of Policeman SMEDICK, has just caused to be published in the newspapers his own version of the trouble which led to the commission of the crime. REAL seeks to palliate his offence by endeavoring to show that his victim was a ruffian of vindictive character, who had pursued him with a malevolence which not only prevented him from obtaining employment in the Ward, but also seriously threatened his life. These charges against SMEDICK may or may not be true; but in either case they do not sufficiently affect the matter at issue to warrant the interference of the Executive in behalf of the prisoner. The only question presented in the case is whether REAL deliberately and coolly planned and committed the murder. This was conclusively proved in the affirmative by the witnesses at the trial. Such being the fact, the extreme penalty of the law ought to be inflicted. It is high time that the minds of a large class of persons, of whom REAL is the type, should be disabused of the impression which, unfortunately, the course of our Criminal Courts for many years past has tended to foster, that murder and other heinous offences may be perpetrated with all the chances in favor of the criminal's impunity. This erroneous notion of the rowdy element can best be cured by making an example in this instance, and following it strictly in all future cases.

The Next Census.

The bill providing for the taking of the census of 1870, introduced in the House on March 24, makes the Census Bureau a part of the Interior Department, and limits its existence to May 1, 1872. The preparation of a plan or of tables for taking the census, is intrusted to Secretary COX, the Attorney-General and the Census Commissioner. It is to be submitted to Congress in December, and if approved, the enumeration is to be made in April and May, 1870.

The work of preparing these tables is a very important one, in view of the great social and political changes which have taken place during the decade. It will doubtless devolve mainly on the Census Commissioner, whose long experience will suggest to him most of the changes proper to be made. The column of "slaves" will disappear, but the distinction of color we suppose and hope will be maintained. We trust, also, that, in showing the number of voters in each State, the Commissioner will not fail to make the same distinction. And in the State where woman suffrage is recognized, we hope the number of female voters will be kept separated from that of the male voters. Let the books be opened for them. It appears now to be far more probable that the women throughout the whole country will be thus registered in 1880, than it did ten years ago that the slaves would be in 1870.

The women deserve, and we hope will receive, a little more consideration in the industrial statistics of the next report. While the number of female laborers is given in the table of manufactures, distinct from that of the males, the column of wages paid represents the aggregate paid both sexes, and the relative rates for male and female labor in the various branches of manufacture cannot be calculated. In the present agitation of the woman's labor question, such statistics would be of great interest; ten years hence they may be of grave importance. Let us have them, as far as practicable, in the next report. In the table of occupations, in the last report, the females are wholly ignored, the aggregate of laborers being given without distinction of sex. The same objection as to color also applies. We hope this important column of industrial and social statistics will be thus amended.

Blackmailing in Real Estate.

A suit pending in one of the Courts of this City directs attention to a system of swindling or blackmailing of real estate owners and tenants which should be summarily checked, as one of the minor and indirect causes of the prevailing high rents imposed on the public. In the centre of one of the neatest blocks of one of the neatest streets, just below Central Park, there has long been a vacant lot, on which the owner has evinced no disposition to build. It has long remained idle, sharing, however, with the others the increased valuation resulting from *their* improvement. Lately this lot fell into the hands of a speculator, who, ungrateful for the great value given to his property by the neighboring improvements, threatens to build thereon a large tenement-house. The effect on the value of the surrounding property, which is devoted wholly to residences, would, of course, be very depressing. Instead of buying him off, as the speculator probably supposed they would, the neighbors have clubbed together and are endeavoring to prevent him by law from thus destroying the neighborhood by the erection of a nuisance. The case has been postponed from time to time, but the indications are that the erection of the building will not be prohibited.

Numerous like instances are frequently occurring. Stables and other like structures, devoted to offensive purposes, are often erected and oftener threatened in blocks devoted wholly to dwelling-houses, thus injuriously affecting the values of property and leases in their neighborhood. The swindle has actually become systematized, until this additional risk has in some measure deterred real estate owners from building. This is one cause—a slight one, it is true—of the scarcity of dwellings in this City. The owners get remunerated for loss in the number of houses leased by the increased rental of the few, and thus in the end it is the tenants who are swindled and who suffer.

Buyers of real estate and builders of dwellings in any of the incompleted blocks of the upper part of the City would do well to know, before purchasing and building, the probable disposition of vacant lots in their neighborhood. It is as important to know this as to know the probable grade of the street. The misapplication in the way suggested of a single lot will affect the value of property on the whole block, and sometimes on adjoining blocks. Even the condition in which a vacant lot is kept sometimes produces in a less degree the same result. Real estate owners and tenants should in their combined interests endeavor to secure some regulation for the erection of tenement and other houses of a character calculated to injure adjoining property. We need to secure the proper embellishment of the City, as well as the interests of real estate owners, a Commission to regulate buildings as much as we need one on streets and wharves and parks.

A Puny Effort at Reform.

It is quite remarkable that after the conclusive testimony which was taken by the Legislative Committee against our gas companies, proving their extortions, their insolent treatment of their patrons, the poor quality of the light which they furnish, and the immense profits which accrue to them as monopolists, so feeble an attempt at reform should be made as that proposed by Assemblyman MITCHELL. The bill introduced to remedy the acknowledged evils of the existing system, instead of throwing open the business of gas manufacturing to the competition of all who choose to engage in it, as it ought to do, simply provides for the appointment of three eminent chemists as Commissioners, at a salary of $5,000 each per annum, who are to test the illuminating power and purity of the gas and see that it is kept up to a prescribed standard, regulates the price and pressure of the article, and forbids the exaction of deposits on the part of the companies from consumers. "Only this and nothing more." Certainly the changes proposed are a little in favor of the public, but they do not materially affect the most odious monopolies that have ever existed in this State under the sanction of the law, and may only be looked upon as a "sop to Cerberus." The bill to all intents and purposes, as it now stands, is a substantial victory for the gas companies, and it is so considered by all who know anything about it.

The New Spanish Constitution.

There seems, at last, to be some prospect of a settlement of affairs in Spain. The Committee appointed for the purpose has presented a draft of a new Constitution to the Cortes, and in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it may be assumed that it will be adopted by the Cortes and approved by the great majority of the Spanish people. As was to be expected, the form of Government proposed is to be monarchical in nature. King, Senate and Congress are to form the three estates of the realm. The reign of the King is to be limited to eighteen years, Senators are to be elected for a term of twelve years, and the members of Congress, as the lower branch of the Legislature, are to be chosen every three years by universal suffrage. On the great question of "Church and State," the Committee seems to have been divided, the majority advocating the entire separation of the two, while a minority were in favor of retaining the Roman Catholic religion as that of the State. In any case, full religious toleration will, doubtless, be guaranteed, so that the differences of opinion between the members of the Committee on the point does not in any way affect the success of the great principles on behalf of which the revolution was undertaken.

There can be little doubt as to the adoption of the proposed Constitution by the Cortes. The majority of that body is avowedly in favor of a monarchy, and the Republican minority are not likely to risk the dangers of another civil conflict rather than give in their adhesion to a form of Government which, though monarchical in name, is all but Republican in nature. The so-called monarchy is not hereditary, and a King whose reign is limited to a fixed term of years is virtually nothing but a President. And with an elective Senate, and a triennial House of Representatives chosen by universal suffrage, there can be little fear that the great objects of the revolution will not be secured. We may doubt, perhaps, whether the Constitution, as drawn up by the Committee, is likely to exist for many years without considerable modifications, but at the present crisis the Spanish people, Republicans as well as Monarchists, will do wisely in accepting it, and thereby avoiding the risk of further internal troubles which could not be settled without far greater injury to the country than that involved in its future amendment, by constitutional means, should any of its provisions excite popular dissatisfaction.

Liberalism in France.

Little by little the French Liberals are assuming boldness in the matter of public speech. The well-known and honored M. EDOUARD LABOULAYE, having been urged by his political friends to stand as a Liberal candidate in the next legislative elections, has written a frank and manly letter accepting the nomination. "My programme," he says, or, as we should say, *platform*, "is my whole course of life. For eighteen years I have made part of that battalion, originally so few in numbers, which has remained faithful to the flag of 1789." Then, touching lightly upon the step already taken toward freedom of the Press and at public meetings, he goes on to say that they must have independent elections, to secure the liberties yet lacking—entire political and religious liberty; municipal and departmental liberty, which will educate the nation by making each portion responsible for its own affairs; above all, equality before the law, instead of a condition of things by which the "agents of authority" now escape the penalties of violated law; an economical Government, the first condition of real prosperity; relief from the burden of huge military contingents; and, as an indispensable condition of all these, a thorough system of popular instruction, so that every citizen may learn to vote intelligently, and France may have the full benefit of her universal suffrage and be mistress of her own destiny. These are noble ideas, boldly expressed, (although we have, of course, but indicated the points of the whole published letter;) and it is encouraging to Americans that the foremost reformers of other lands find in our institutions so much that is worthy to inspire and guide their efforts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The latest gold-alarm comes to us from the hyperborean regions—from Alaska—this time, where, on the mainland to the north of Sitka and still further, beyond the island of Kodiak, placers have been recently reported. The Sierra Nevada ridge of California runs up to that region, in which DOROSCHIN, the Russian, in 1851, found many traces of gold, especially in the mountain range north of Cook's Inlet. The *diorite* vein, or rock, which is always gold-bearing, is there very frequent. One of the Indians from the Bay of Jakutat, near Mount Elias, brought him a nugget as big as a marble. Our bargain may turn out better than people at first fancied it.

The Spanish Cortes has proposed a rather hybrid Constitution. It has a republican look, with a Congress, universal suffrage and the *Gladstonizing* of the Church; but there is to be a King, and yet he is not to be every inch a King, or every year a King; for he is to go out at the end of eighteen years. Suppose, however, that he should not want to go, and should make the most of his nine points of law when his time had come. What then? The Senate and Congress, probably, would go home, and say he was not what they took him for; or, just as probably, they would all try conclusions in the public square. That choosing of the King was the death of poor Poland. But probably this term of years is only a "flank movement" toward a dynasty.

Our German population of both political parties, are a unit in regard to the proposition requiring that the language of "Fatherland" shall be taught in all our public schools. The subject has been freely agitated for some time past, and steps have been taken to put the matter in the most forcible way before the Board of Education. French has long been taught in the grammar schools, and we do not see any reason why those pupils who wish to learn German are deprived of the opportunity.

If the bill recently before the Assembly had passed, and the appointment of School Commissioners had been left to the Mayor, as was contemplated, we should probably have had anything but a brilliant and creditable Board for the next nine months. We come to this opinion in view of the fact that the men recently appointed by the Mayor as Trustees are about as illiterate as they well can be,—the mere tools of Tammany, who signalized their accession to office by removing two faithful Protestant teachers and substituting Roman Catholics. The object of this proposed School bill was two-fold. It aimed to give Tammany the manipulation of the school moneys, and the Roman Catholic clergy the direction of the educational system.

We have long heard of kerosene lamps exploding in all directions. The Fire Commissioners, stirred up by the Press, have been making inquiries on the subject. Mr. TAGLIABUE, the chemist, has examined a great number of samples got from various dealers, and found that only four or five could stand the test—of warming a little of the oil and applying a match to the vapor from it. The majority blazed, and were therefore explosive. We should have a law that all kerosene shall be tested before sale, and the sellers of the dangerous article rendered liable to punishment. Otherwise the explosions will go on indefinitely.

If we had an Emperor in this country our discontented workers might be spared a good deal of their present perplexity. NAPOLEON III. has been introducing a project of law to arrange the whole system of their French brethren. The present plan of registering all workmen, as to trade and location, is a rather strict one, and it is very likely the new arrangement—not yet explained—will give the men a greater discretion in the matter of their own movements and managements—a greater liberty, in fact. NAPOLEON has a very great interest in the welfare of his working classes, and he may possibly decide for them more judiciously, as regards the general weal, than they would for themselves, divided and disturbed as they naturally are by the diversity of their interests. He certainly shows himself very anxious to serve and conciliate them.

A French journalist lately said the policy of NAPOLEON III. grew out of the use of cigars. Mayor HALL has been expressing the same fantasy in regard to our President, *apropos* of the Cuban business. General GRANT, he says, gets his inspiration from Havana, (in italics, of course,) and has accordingly, under that inspiration appointed a Consul-General for the lone-star island, who will be sure to look about for an American "struck," find him, bid Habeneros adieu, and come home with a "war protest." We can't exactly believe all this. And as regards those fumes of the fragrant Havana, we always thought the effect of them was more soothing and mollifying than anything else.

Perhaps Rev. Mr. BEECHER is not aware that he is rather seriously compromising the efforts of those who are trying to get satisfaction from England for the "recognition" policy of that country, and the *Alabama's* doings. He advises us to recognize the right of the Cuban secessionists, and, if opportunity offers, send them some material aid, though he admits that we are on good terms with Spain, and that she is now doing much better than heretofore. NAPOLEON III. went into Mexico with sentiments not very far different from these; and the London *Times* will quote them next month in defence of that reluctant and baffling policy of its Government.

A ruffian, known as "Reddy, the blacksmith," has figured in the Police reports at least once a month for a long time past, in connection with "bold outrages" of some kind or other, and at every election he is arrested as a "repeater." He keeps a public house which is notoriously the rendezvous of thieves. In spite of these facts "Reddy" *cannot* be punished—because he is protected by politicians. The only way in which his vile den can be broken up by the Police was proved by Captain JOURDAN, of the Sixth Precinct, who stationed officers before the door to warn strangers of the character of the place. This plan drove "Reddy" from the Sixth Precinct to the Fourth, and it must be repeated at the present location. By vigorous efforts of the sort suggested, the ruffian, in time, might find himself driven beyond the confines of civilization, an exile in Alaska.

That dogs of any degree have rights which human beings are bound to respect is negatived by the late resolution of the Board of Health. It has been determined that every privilege heretofore enjoyed by the canine race in this sanitary district shall be curtailed. Every man, woman and child is now authorized to promptly kill any sickly, emaciated or disabled dog which shall be found at large in the streets, or which in good faith is believed to have the faintest symptom of hydrophobia, or to have been bitten, or exposed to be bitten by any animal having that disease—the only stipulation being that the slayer must promptly report the deed to the Sanitary Superintendent. This is a hard rule in its bearing upon the dogs, but in view of the dangerous increase of these animals since the regulations governing the dog-pound have been amended, it seems salutary.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* said the truth when, discussing President GRANT'S inaugural speech, it remarked:

"The best thing in the proclamation, however, is the reason which General GRANT gives for this acquiescent policy. 'The laws,' he says, 'are to govern all those approving as well as those opposing them. I know no method to secure the repeal of obnoxious laws so effectual as their stringent execution.'"

And the evidence both of GRANT'S shrewdness and the *Pall Mall's* perception of it, is now developing with marvelous exactness in the little triangular engagement between the office-seekers, the Senate and the House; while the President quietly allows the absurd law to work its own condemnation.

That Right Reverend Zulu Pagan, Bishop COLENSO, of Natal, has had a brisk correspondence with one of his defiant clergy of that mission, which would seem to suggest that those Christian missionaries need a little christianizing. The Bishop writes:

"You are still living, I hear, on land granted to me for the Church of England, and over which I claim the right of proprietorship, and shall exercise it at the proper time and in the proper way."

Whereupon Rev. ROBERTSON meekly replies:

"I have an advantage which the citizens of Moscow had not, viz., a halfpenny box of matches. Should you be able to turn me out, you would obtain nothing but a heap of smoking ruins. I should utterly destroy the labor of eight years."

These worthy gentlemen seem better up in the rights of proprietorship and the lessons of profane history than in the peculiar doctrines they were sent out to teach.

The singular ease with which Mr. GLADSTONE'S Irish Church bill passed its second reading is largely owing to the clearness and practical nature of its provisions in the difficult arrangement of details. For instance, the amount of property belonging to the Irish Church Establishment may be placed, in round numbers, at sixteen millions of pounds sterling. Of this only about one-half will be needed for compensation to existing vested interests. To dispose of the vast unappropriated remainder Mr. GLADSTONE proposes that it shall be applied to making proper provision for lunatics, and for the deaf, dumb and blind. These helpless members of the community have hitherto been dependent upon a poor-rate known as the "County Cess," which was levied, not like the ordinary rates, upon occupants of rentals over four pounds in value, but as Mr. GLADSTONE said, "descended to the most miserable tenements," and of course the poorest of the poor paid a large portion of it. The new arrangement will lift one very material load from the oppressed shoulders of the weak.

Naples has at last done something worthy of free Italy. The Court of Appeals, recognizing the logical consequences of a free Church in a free State, and the equality of all citizens before the civil law, has canceled the decision of the Civil Tribunal of Salerno, which forbade the marriage of a certain priest, because he *was* a priest; and directs that the ceremony be proceeded with according to law. That this ceremony will compel the priest to cease his ecclesiastical functions, is, says the Court, an ecclesiastical affair which cannot be allowed to interfere with the rights of the citizen. This is a very long step in advance. It is reported that one of the questions to be submitted to the approaching Œcumenical Council of the Church at Rome is that of clerical celibacy, and its scandal-breeding, demoralizing tendency. This would, indeed, be an evidence of good sense. But whether it be so or not, the opening wedge has been introduced by the civil law of Italy, and great changes may be anticipated from its influence.

ALBANY.

The Republican Caucus Relative to the Tax Commission—Business in the Assembly.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, March 27, 1869.

The Republican caucus, which met last evening in the Assembly Chamber, was not of the most harmonious character. The session continued until 10 o'clock, but did not consider the Canal or Excise bills. The Senate bill to repeal the act creating the New-York Tax Commission being the only measure discussed. A motion not to adopt the Senate bill was carried, and a motion prevailed for the appointment of a Committee of nine to draft a new bill, which it is proposed shall be of a more satisfactory nature. The names of the Committee were reported last night. After the adjournment of the caucus some loud and sharp talk was indulged in by several of the gentlemen present, and threats were made of a determination not to be bound by its decision. *Per contra*, it was mildly suggested that men of that stamp had no right to intrude themselves upon a Republican caucus. There were present and voting just twelve Republicans, who favor the Senate bill, enough to carry it in the House.

The unpleasant feeling was still evident this morning, a solemn sulliness exhibiting itself as members went at the usual routine of labor.

The exclusion of the representatives of the Press from these conclaves of party spirit is the subject of much comment; its absurdity lies in the fact that at the close, gentlemen rally around the reporters and relate the entire proceedings.

THE ASSEMBLY.

Very little of importance was done in the House this morning.

Under General Orders, the bill introduced by Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, his last public service as a member of Assembly, which provides that the Board of Education of the City of New York shall organize a nautical school for juvenile delinquents, was ordered to a third reading. An act was also introduced to punish fraud in counting or returning votes cast at elections. It provides that any inspector, canvasser, clerk, or other person, who shall place among the votes lawfully cast ballots not lawfully cast, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be punished therefor, on conviction, by sentence to State Prison.

The second section provides that any inspector, canvasser, clerk, or other person, who shall miscount the votes actually cast at any election, or make false returns, or abstract, except as required by law, before counting any votes legally cast, shall, upon conviction, be punished in the same manner as provided above.

The bill is loosely drawn, and will need much amendment before it becomes a law or meets the exigencies of the case. A strong, stringent law is needed, that will deal with the criminal without mercy, before a stop can be put to the overwhelming and shameless frauds that dishonor the ballot-box and make our elections a farce. A general act relating to the closing up and drawing in of the circulation of State banking institutions was before the House this morning. It provides for the return of all outstanding bills within two years. This clause was amended so that it should read six years, and the bill progressed.

An act to incorporate the Metropolitan Guaranty and Indemnity Company was also progressed; the reason was that certain gentlemen thought they discovered the usual animal in the meal.

The House does not seem at all disposed to agree with the Senate proposition to adjourn *sine die* at the end of the constitutional term of the session, and I venture to predict that the 1st of May will find them at their weary work.

A bill passed to-day to pay the widow of Officer CRAFTS, who was killed in the late revolt at Sing Sing, the salary for the remainder of the year that would have been due him had he lived. A poor but just return for her severe loss.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Saturday, March 27.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. TOWER—To pave Van Cott-avenue, Brooklyn.

By Mr. LA BAU—To punish fraud in canvassing, counting or returning votes cast at elections.

By Mr. MURPHY—To incorporate the Fifth-avenue Savings Bank of New-York.

By Mr. A. W. SMITH—To incorporate the trustees having the care of the property of the Episcopate of the Diocese of Albany.

By Mr. CONANT—In relation to the incorporation of the New-York Northern Railroad.

By Mr. HEGEMAN—Amending the act incorporating the New-York Young Men's Christian Association.

By Mr. W. W. CAMPBELL—Empowering persons sustaining damage by the recent Albany freshet to bring actions against the City of Albany.

By Mr. HASBROUCK—To aid in the construction of the Walkill Valley Railroad.

By Mr. L. E. SMITH—Making words imputing a want of chastity to a female actionable *per se*; also, to facilitate the construction of the Erie and Genesee Valley Railroad.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

In favor of the erection of Nassau County.

In favor of incorporating the City of Watertown.

In favor of aid for the Walkill Valley Railroad.

In favor of aid for the Erie and Genesee Valley Railroad.

The claim bills are made the special order for next Thursday morning, according to a resolution of Mr. KIERNAN.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

In relation to New-York Savings Banks; to amend the charter of the Great Western Life Insurance Company of New-York; to amend the act incorporating the New-York City Society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents; to incorporate the Wappinger's Falls Savings Banks; relative to abandoned canals; authorizing the towns in Otsego and Herkimer Counties to issue bonds to facilitate the construction of the Cooperstown and Susquehanna Railroad; to incorporate the Sixth-avenue Savings Bank; authorizing the Albany Iron Foundry Company to increase its capital stock; for the relief of ELIZABETH, widow of EDWIN CRAFT, whose husband was killed at the late Sing Sing revolt; an amendment to the Brooklyn Charter, so as to authorize a deputy City Treasurer; to regulate the sale of leaf tobacco.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. TIGHE—Relative to printing the laws of the State in the counties.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES.

Incorporating the Deaconess Institution of the Evangelical Church; to annul the act relative to the Nursery and Child's Hospital of New-York City.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

To amend the charter of the Sing Sing Savings Bank; for the relief of the Northport, Huntington Steamboat Company.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:15 o'clock to meet Monday evening at 7:30.

The Tax Commission and the Republican Caucus.

From the Albany Evening Journal, March 27.

The action of the caucus of the Republican members of Assembly, last evening, gives assurance that some legislation will be had which will secure a constitutional Commission of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New-York. Confessedly, there are no officers now in that City authorized to levy taxes or assess property. The caucus rejected the bill which has passed the Senate to remedy this defect. It is strenuously contended that that measure is seriously defective in detail; and many who recognize the necessity for the passage of some act, admit the force of the arguments. If the action of the caucus had ceased with the rejection of the Senate bill, it would have been clearly unsustainable. But by the designation of a Committee to prepare a substitute for that act, it confessed the necessity for the adoption of some constitutional measure, and promised a more perfect one than the rejected bill.

We assume that this action was had in good faith, and not for the purpose of preventing all legislation. Such a course would be unworthy the Assembly. To defeat by an indirect act and deceptive course, would be a degrading dodge, and one, when apparent, of no binding force upon any one sought to be duped by it. Besides, we are confident that the Assembly is not willing to take the hazard of leaving so important an office in the City of New-York without any incumbents clothed with the constitutional power to enforce their acts. Now, if the municipal authorities of that city should see fit to deny recognition to the present Commission, it would at once cease to have even the nominal possession of authority. The Comptroller could refuse to pay them and their employes their salaries, and no power could force them from him. He could repudiate all their acts, and no power could compel him to retract. Any or all tax-payers could successfully defy the Commission, and resist the collection of taxes. And all this for the sole reason that those now assuming to be Commissioners have no more right to act as such than any other set of men. Hence, we are justified in assuming that some legislation will be had which shall place a constitutional act upon our statute books. And the more especially, when we consider that a bill of precisely the character of the one which has passed the Senate, received the unanimous concurrence of all parties and shades of politicians last year.

No act which can be passed would have any vitality that did not place the assessing power in the hands of the municipal authorities of New-York City. This is the decision of the Courts, and any bill which shall fail to entirely abrogate the laws now on the statute books, will be of no more force than the present acts. If this shall be done, frankly and fully, the Republican Party will escape the opprobrium of seeking to maintain in power unconstitutional officers. If it shall not be done, then the action of the caucus will have proved a deception, entitled to no respect whatever.

We have confidence in the Caucus Committee. Messrs. CAMPBELL, YOUNGLOVE, SELKREG, LA BAU, HEGEMAN, RICHMOND, and KILHAM, are gentlemen who will hold Constitutions more sacred than cliques, and will be guided by principle rather than passion. Hence we shall look to them for a statute, and not an expedient, and one which shall be designed to meet the concurrence of the entire law-making power, rather than framed to encounter the obstacle of an Executive veto, for attempting to perpetuate an unconstitutional tenure.

New Railroad Corporations.

Articles of Association have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State for the organization of the following Railroad Companies:

The Carthage, Watertown and Sackett's Harbor Railroad Company. This road is to run to and from the vicinity of Carthage, connecting at that point with the Utica and Black River Railroad, *via* the Black River Valley, through Watertown to Sackett's Harbor, in the County of Jefferson. Length of road about twenty-seven miles. The capital stock is fixed at $700,000. The Directors are James H. Morrow, Wilna; Wm. H. Coburn, Champion; David Dexter, Rutland; Hiram Converse, Pamelia; Norris Winslow, Watertown; Pearson Munday, Watertown; Lotus Ingalls, Watertown; Lyman D. Doolittle, Watertown; Geo. A. Bagley, Watertown; George A. Sherman, Watertown; Geo. B. Phelps, Watertown; Theodore Canfield, Hounsfield; Walter B. Clark, Hounsfield.

The Syracuse and Northwestern Railroad Company. This road is to run from Syracuse to the village of Mexico, in Oswego County, a distance of about thirty-two miles. The capital stock is fixed at $1,250,000. The directors named are: John A. Green, Patrick Lynch, G. G. Breed, J. Dean Hawley, Joseph J. Glass, Charles Nichols, John Greenway, George G. French, Jay L. Johnson, Ezra Downer, Charles Andrews, E. B. Alvord and F. Alvord.

The Brooklyn Steam Transit Company. This road provides for running cars through various streets and avenues in the City of Brooklyn. Capital stock, $5,000,000. Length of road about thirty-five miles.

The Auburn and Port Byron Railroad Company. This road is to run from the City of Auburn to the village of Port Byron, a distance of eight and one-half miles. The capital stock is fixed at $300,000. The directors named are: B. B. Kendrick, of Port Byron; Thomas B. Banting, New-York; H. H. Wainright, New-York; Geo. H. Bardwell, Philadelphia; Wm. Hayden, Auburn; C. H. Wilson, New-York; C. A. Stetson, Jr., New-York; Robert S. Bunting, New-York; Howard Bunting, New-York; Franklin Ellis, New-York; Joseph C. Kerr, Philadelphia; Joseph K. Caldwell, Philadelphia; Robert A. Packer, Wilkesbarre, Penn.

The Buffalo Creek Railroad Company. This road is to run from a point on the Buffalo and Washington Railroad Company, in the City of Buffalo, to a point upon the land between the Blackwell Canal and Lake Erie. Length of road three miles. Capital stock $40,000.

The Gallupville Railroad Company. This road is to run from some point on the line of the Schoharie Valley Railroad to a point near the village of Gallupville, in Schoharie County. The length of road is to be four and one-half miles. Capital stock, $85,000. The directors named are: Simon Morgan, A. R. Hunting, Peter Weidman, Chester Passen, Ira Zeh, Charles Armstrong, Sanford Merselis, L. Zimmer, David Becker, Weidman Dominick, Nelson Hunting, Henry Slansburgh and Lambert Bassler.

The Hamilton-avenue and Prospect Park Railroad Company. The capital stock, $125,000. Distance about three and one-half miles, in the County of Kings.

The Hudson and Mohawk Railroad Company. This road is to run from the city of Schenectady through the Counties of Schenectady and Albany, in the most direct and eligible route. Capital stock, $1,000,000. Distance about twelve miles. The directors named are: Frank Chamberlain, Albany; Townsend Forday, Albany; J. E. Walker, Albany; Robert L. Banks, Albany; Robert M. Waterman, Albany; Albion Ransom, Albany; Stephen Munson, Albany; H. S. McElwain, Amsterdam; William H. Taylor, Albany; Luke Dodge, Schenectady; John L. Dodge, Schenectady; A. Bleecker Banks, Albany; James Hendrick, Albany.

The Brooklyn and Winfield Railway. Capital stock $150,000. Distance about five miles, all in Kings County, and mainly in Brooklyn.

The Northern Air Line Railroad. Capital stock, $1,000,000. The road is to run from Plattsburg, Clinton County, through the towns of Peru and Ausable, Clinton County, and through the towns of Chesterfield, Willsborough, Essex, and into the town of Westport, in the County of Essex, and on or near the line surveyed by P. H. Green in 1852. Length of road about 35 miles. The directors named are: Silas Arnold, Willis Mould, Thomas A. Tomlinson, Aden Weston, Abraham Welden, Lyman Barton, Eli W. Rogers, John Ross, William P. Merriam, James W. Eddy, Andrew Williams, Alvin Thomas, and Robert P. Moun.

A Personal Encounter in Raleigh.

From the Raleigh (N. C.) Standard, March 25.

An occurrence took place in this city, yesterday afternoon, which created considerable excitement at the time. The facts, as we learned them, are as follows: The *Sentinel* has been, for a long time, filled with the most shameful personal abuse of Dr. MENNINGER, Secretary of State, and others. On the 23d instant there appeared an article in the *Sentinel* reflecting on the "HOLDEN family," supposed to have been written by Mr. KINGSBURY, one of the editors. Yesterday morning Hon. J. W. HOLDEN called upon Mr. KINGSBURY at the editorial rooms of the *Sentinel* office, and asked him if he wrote the article. He said he did not—that Mr. TURNER was the author, and that he was away, but would return in the afternoon. Accordingly Mr. HOLDEN sought to meet the responsible editor of the *Sentinel* at the North Carolina Railroad depot by the usual entrance, learning that he would be in Raleigh by the 5 o'clock P. M. train from the East. Failing in this, he encountered him not far from the depot. Mr. TURNER drew his pistols. Mr. HOLDEN showed none. Mr. TURNER threatened to shoot anybody who advanced on him.

Before Mr. HOLDEN came up, Mr. MENNINGER, brother of the Secretary of State, met Mr. TURNER, and asked him if he was the author of the article in the *Sentinel*. Mr. TURNER replied, "call at my office and I will tell you." MENNINGER pronounced him a liar and a coward. At this juncture, the Mayor caused the arrest of all the parties, and bound them over to the Spring Term of Court.

Progress in Pigment.

Professors and men of science in the Old World have often set themselves to call in question the value of American discoveries, when they cannot dispute their originality. An unusual instance of British candor has, however, recently come to our knowledge, which we deem of sufficient importance to be communicated to our readers.

True to the genius of the North, that tends steadily to the useful, certain enterprising men among us are now working a Southern mine in such manner that its quondam bellicose products are adapted by them to one of the essential requirements of peace. Half a dozen years ago, Silver Hill, near Raleigh, N. C., was dug and delved for lead, whereby our soldiers might be shot down. It now supplies a mineral so marvelously well suited for the manufacture of paint, that its use for this purpose is making a revolution in the trade. Without cumbering our space with long details, we need only say that the Bartlett White Lead and Zinc Company has put upon the market a pigment pronounced by the highest authorities in chemical lore superior to any heretofore known. Professor CHANDLER, who heads the School of Mines at Columbia College in this City, gives it the most unqualified preference over all others, as possessing greater opacity, covering more surface weight for weight, making a harder and more durable coating, wearing longer when exposed to the weather, and offering greater resistance to the action of deleterious gases. It may also be observed that, although chemistry has and swears by its axiom, that lead and zinc cannot possibly be combined in Nature's crucible, the Professor neatly and candidly turns the difficulty by certifying that this Silver Hill mineral consists of an "intimate mixture" of the two antagonistic elements whose union has hitherto been a forced one.

To return to the point whence we started. Professor MUSPRATT, the well-known author of a voluminous treatise on chemistry, and at the head of the Liverpool College of Chemistry, has also analyzed this novelty in paint, and confirms, to the fullest extent, the report of his American professional brother. He states that, in respect to "tinctorial power," it is better than the best white lead in the ratio of 10 to 16; that it excels the best white lead, as regards "opacity," in the proportion of 17 to 10; while as to "covering," "drying" and "resisting" properties, it manifests its preëminence in large degree. This unqualified laudation of an American product is, we say, in itself a novelty as coming from England.

Perhaps our new Secretary of the Interior might judiciously distribute, among the troublesome Indians of the far West, a few kegs of this Bartlett pigment, by way of experimental variation from the kegs of gunpowder that are patronized and administered by the War Department. Be that as it may, we hail its advent and success, inasmuch as it is most desirable that the paint, wherewith we adorn our houses and cover our ships' bottoms, should be finer in quality, less adulterated, and more enduring than it has been latterly.

THEATRICAL.

Notes of the Past, Present and Future of Dramatic Matters.

Fit "entertainment for man and brute," and plenty of it, has been provided in the theatres against to-morrow evening's rush. The instincts of the latter will lead them to Tammany, where a fool-hardy young boy is to risk his neck for a wager. On Monday evening, it is announced, the boy ALBERT—the youngest of the trio of GREGORYS, whose audacious exploits in mid air have already been mentioned in these columns,—is to "turn a complete sommersault, while flying from the arms of his brother JEAN to those of his brother ARTHUR—the two latter being suspended to the *eschelle perileuse*, within a few inches of the proscenium arch, while immediately beneath the imperilled leaper are the flaring footlights and the confusing orchestra. The leap and sommersault, if successful, will be unique in acrobatics. We believe the feat has never been accomplished, so far, by any gymnast. Among the heroes of the sawdust ring and spring-board, this attempt of young GREGORY at suicide or fame is looked upon as an event. Many circus managers, menagerie owners, and other connoisseurs in beastly excellence, are expected to attend the sacrifice. We trust Superintendent KENNEDY will look in also.

The Pascal tide will float in quite a number of sensations besides the above. Mlle. JANAUSCHEK's *Elizabeth* at the Academy of Music, Miss MARRIOTT's *Hamlet* at Wood's Museum, and Mr. COULDOCK and his daughter in very domestic drama at the Broadway Theatre—these will be most worthy of "polite society."

The burlesque of "Ivanhoe," at the Waverley; a reconstruction of "The Forty Thieves" at Niblo's, and the production of BROUGHAM's Ethiopian burlesque on "Orphee aux Enfers" at Bryants' Minstrels, will compel a new rush to those popular receptacles of the popular dollar.

The "sensation capitalist," as FISK, Jr., has been aptly called, ventures another step in theatrical speculation by taking a lease of the Academy of Music for the production of WALLACE's opera of "Lurline." The work was advertised last April for representation at Pike's Opera House, and scenery was painted for it. Secret and unrevealed complications, however, prevented the consummation of this project, and Mr. FISK having become possessed of the scenery, he has arranged with Mr. MARETZEK—who was in possession of the music of the opera, to produce the work on an early date (May 10, if possible,) at the Academy. Two companies are to be engaged for the purpose—one of English and one of Italian artists. Representations in English and Italian are to be given on alternate nights.

"Romeo and Juliet" is to be withdrawn after the *matinée* next Saturday, and on the Monday following "Othello" is to be produced at Booth's Theatre. Extensive preparation has been made for this, the fifth of Mr. BOOTH's Shakespearean revivals. Mr. BOOTH and Mr. ADAMS are to alternate in the characters of *Iago* and *Othello*. *Desdemona* is to be personated by Miss MARY MCVICKER. "The Winter's Tale" will not be produced until the expiration of Mr. BOOTH's "engagement." Mrs. LAURA LE CLAIR PHILLIPS, who made a *début* at Wallack's last Summer, has been added to the company at this theatre, and made her first appearance last evening as *Marie* in "The Marble Heart," Mr. EDWIN ADAMS and Miss MORANT sustaining the other prominent parts.

Mr. BROUGHAM makes his last appearances as Author, Actor and Manager next week. After next Saturday evening the little pocket theatre in Twenty-fourth-street will be no longer his. The last performance of "The New Shylock" will be given, with "His Last Legs"—significant selection—as the introductory performance.

An "Easter *Matinée*" is to be given at the New-York Circus on Monday, in addition to the customary afternoon performances of Wednesday and Saturday.

Mr. CHANFRAU and LOTTA are spoken of as prospective lessees of Bryant's Opera House, when the minstrel season ends.

ELISE HOLT continues dangerously ill.

The San Francisco Minstrels have received an offer to go to California during the month of July. They will probably accept, and go and return by the overland route. Their season in New-York does not expire for a couple of months yet, however.

It is a fact of "world-wide notoriety" in England, that we have no managers in this country, no authors, no actors, and no scene painters! that is, none but what England has sent us. The exportation of the Lydia Thompson troupe, with its own manager, (the modest HENDERSON,) its own author, (the coruscating FARNIE,) and its own orchestra conductor in the person of the amiable CONNOLLY, was the first contribution to our desolate land of the "whole school"—and the people having taken kindly to the lessons which those talented parties spread before them, we are to be blessed with two more "complete and model organizations" this Summer. To Wood's Museum, Mr. SIMPSON, the manager of a Birmingham theatre, is to come in April, with his whole theatre, or everything about it, we expect, but the bricks and the seats. Mr. SIMPSON proposes to produce, for the edification of the New-York public, an English pantomime, as it is done in his native England, and for the purpose he brings with him carpenters, scene painters, costumers and actors, together with all the scenery, machinery, ropes and pulleys, from his drop-curtain to the transformation scene, just as he had them in use in Birmingham. His singers, his comedians, his pantommimists, his dancers and his orchestra are all from Birmingham. Nothing is to be American but the supernumeraries! With blind confidence the trustful SIMPSON will accept our native supernumeraries! What amount of patronage can reward him for this handsome compliment to our national products? Crowded houses for weeks will scarcely suffice. It is indeed happiness to know that we produce the best supernumeraries in the world! We do not hear whether Mr. KNOWLES, the Manchester manager, who is to bring over another "complete organization" for the production of English pantomime at WALLACK's—will indorse Mr. SIMPSON and engage American supers or not. Perhaps national pride will overcome economy in Mr. KNOWLES' case—and he will import his own auxillaries, together with his play, his actors, his dancers, singers, scene painters, costumers, &c.

Mr. BRYANT has sold his Irish comedy of "The Bells of Shandon" to FLORENCE.

Mr. WALLACK has resolved to give Saturday *matinées*, every week, hereafter, at his theatre.

Miss CELIA LOGAN has finally retired from the stage, and will sign herself hereafter Mrs. CELIA LOGAN KELLOGG. Mrs. KELLOGG is to reside in Washington for the present.

Mr. JAMES SCHONBERG, who is at present Mr. BROUGHAM's stage manager, is to succeed Mr. HANLEY in that capacity at Wallack's. Mr. SCHONBERG's taste has been evident in many charming "sets" at Brougham's.

Mrs. GLADSTANE has added the two "Corsican Brothers" to her personations, and has appeared in those *rôles* in New-Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. FLORENCE terminated a two-month's engagement at Wood's Museum last evening. On Monday they are to appear in Newark, on Thursday in New-Haven, on Friday in Hartford, and during the following week will play in Springfield and Providence.

LUCILLE WESTERN was in Salt Lake City, at last accounts; "Humpty Dumpty" had been produced in Mobile; LAURA KEENE is to play in Newark on Thursday next; Miss LOUISE KELLOGG is announced to sing in Elmira April 1; LOTTA is acting in Boston; Mr. H. L. BATEMAN sailed for England last Wednesday.

The death of W. ALVIN LLOYD, (who had the trouble with the WORRELL Sisters about his lease of his theatre, and who was the instigator of the "Foul Play" business at the Broadway and New-York theatres) was announced on the 17th.

BARTON HILL is offered an engagement at Mrs. WOOD's theatre in London.

The receipts of the theatres in Boston for the month of February amounted to $102,424.

Miss KATE FIELD is to make her *début* as a lecturer (subject, "Woman in the Lyceum,") at Chickering Hall, in Boston, next Wednesday.

The Drama Abroad.

Mr. BANDMAN and his wife are to leave England for this country in July.

Miss LUCY RUSHTON has disappeared from the London theatres.

Mr. ROBERTSON's new comedy called "Dreams," about to be done in London, is said to be identical with his drama of "My Lady Clara," said to be written for Mr. BANDMAN, and played by that actor lately in Liverpool.

Among the novelties of advertising we see that Mr. HOWARD PAUL announces that he will give £5 for a short, sharp, comprehensive title for his entertainment. *Quiz* proposes to call it "Cheek."

The daughter of Mme. JENNY LIND GOLDSCHMIDT, a girl of 12 years, is said to possess much of the great talent of her mother, and to have an excellent voice. *Sequitur felicitier filia matris iter!*

Several London theatres are about to reverse the custom of charging extra to those who purchase reserved seats in advance, and, taking the ground that it is really an advantage to the theatre to sell its seats, will make a deduction to those who "book" their seats.

ALEXANDER DUMAS gave a supper at the Grand Hotel to the artistes who had brought the "Dame de Monsoreau" to its one hundredth representation. The lady of Monsoreau sat upon Monte Cristo's right, and enlivened the *petit souper* by her lively repartees.

An English actress writes to one of the London papers to expose a great grievance of her calling. It is that actresses—at least those of a certain standing—are obliged to pay for their own dresses, and that it comes to pass that the dresses amount to more at the end of the year than the salary received. She cites, as an example, a Mme. PASCA, an actress of considerable talent, who is about to secede from the Gymnase Theatre, because her salary is only £360 a year, and her toilettes cost nearly £500. "It is certain," says the letter-writer, "that at the present moment an actress cannot play the part of a lady of fashion (*une grande dame*) in a gown costing less than £32; and even at that price it will be exceedingly simple. Suppose a play of five acts, in which there are four changes of costume! And the dress is not all; there are a score of other things—bonnets, flowers, gloves, boots, &c., &c." It is evident from this that theatrical managers in Paris assume that their female performers have other means of living than the legitimate earnings of their profession. And it is, in truth, no secret that they have. Indeed, the vast majority of women on the Paris stage are not there for the purpose of following an artistic vocation, but to find, and having found, to keep, a more profitable way of making money. And in this they succeed more or less. Some of them, in fact, are so successful that they are able to occupy, and even possess, sumptuously furnished houses, to keep horses, carriages, and servants, to fare on the fat of the land, to load themselves with diamonds, and to gamble at Baden-Baden in the Summer, though their salaries from their theatres may be only £2 a month, or even under. This state of things has, of course, the tendency to keep honest women from the exercise of an honest profession, and yet Heaven knows that that class of females have terrible need to see their occupations increased instead of diminished.

Postponement of the Tempest.

Mr. CLIFTON W. TAYLEURE's desire that the stage-setting of "The Tempest," at the Grand Opera House, should be absolutely perfect, has induced that manager to announce the postponement of the first representation of the play until Wednesday. Tickets secured for Monday and Tuesday will be received on the following nights, and so on throughout the week—an important fact for many readers, as the advance sale of seats has been extremely large.

The Case of John Real—Statement of Mr. Monheimer.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to a statement made by JOHN REAL, in which he alludes to an employment under me as a watchman on a barge which had been used as an illicit whisky still. I beg to say that REAL's statement in this regard is entirely true. In view of the desperate character of the people I found on the barge when it was seized, and in view of a threatened rescue of the barge, I directed the watchmen to provide themselves with arms, fearing the attempt to rescue the barge would be made. It seems that in this way REAL was in possession of a pistol. During this service, Officer SMEDICK was somewhat officious in a matter which no wise concerned him, but his evident purpose was to get up a quarrel with REAL, against whom he had a spite. As it only manifested itself on one occasion while in my employ, I took no official notice of it. I had known REAL for some time and always regarded him as a well-meaning, hard-working man. The persecutions of Officer SMEDICK, I know, were relentless against REAL, and it was apparent that they were working fearfully on REAL's mind. I deem it only fair to offer this testimony in behalf of a poor man whose great fear was that Officer SMEDICK would kill him, and whose great crime has been that he killed the officer while laboring under this terrible apprehension. Respectfully yours,

JOS. A. MONHEIMER.

A SWINDLER ARRESTED.

Extraordinary Career of a False Check Operator—An Extensive Business on Small Capital.

A degree of excitement was created in the Tombs Police Court yesterday, in consequence of the appearance of a large number of persons who wished to make complaints against one of the prisoners arraigned before Justice HOGAN. It appears that ANTHONY CARROLL, a native of Italy, and a dull-looking fellow, has been in the habit, for some time past, of perpetrating a series of petty swindles. His manner of procedure was this: First fixing upon some eligible corner grocery, liquor saloon, or cigar store, the proprietor of which he generally contrived should be a German; he next scraped acquaintance with his proposed victim, and in due course of time proposed to purchase the entire establishment. As CARROLL always proved a liberal man, and made no objections to the terms demanded, he generally succeeded in closing the bargain desired. He always made a point to perfect the arrangement about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and gave a check on some bank for the advance demanded. He usually selected the Fulton National, Mechanics' and Traders', or the Broadway banks, upon which to draw his checks, and he, in every instance, represented that he had a sufficient deposit in the bank to meet his check. These checks were never surrendered until it was too late for the receiver to apply for payment thereof, and as soon as the transfer was effected, he assumed possession of the establishment. As soon as CARROLL found himself the undisputed proprietor of the liquor store, grocery, cigar shop or tailoring establishment, as the case might be, he proceeded to sell all of the goods therein that he possibly could, no matter what price he obtained. When the hour for closing arrived he pocketed the proceeds of the sales, fastened the door of the place and walked off with the keys. The next day the former proprietor would discover that the check accepted by him was wholly worthless, and on his return to the store he would be compelled to purchase a new key to obtain an entrance thereto, having been defrauded out of the value of goods so hurriedly sold by CARROLL.

This reckless and cruel swindle has been, as already stated, carried on for several weeks, and it is believed that he has in this way defrauded a large number of unsophisticated people, who thought that they were disposing of their business at an advantageous advance, until the discovery of the following day undeceived them. He went once too often to the mill, however, and was stopped in his career.

On the 11th inst., SIMON FRUNK, proprietor of the lager beer saloon No. 77 Mercer-street, sold his establishment to CARROLL, who gave him as an advance a check for $225 on the Fulton National Bank, which purported to have been drawn by AUGUST MILLAND. CARROLL took immediate possession, and in the course of the evening sold $25 worth of cigars and lager beer, which money he pocketed and failed to return the next day. Of course FRUNK discovered that his check was worthless, and after gaining access to the saloon, proceeded with his business in wiser man.

This and similar caseled to CARROLL's arrest yesterday by Officer KLEIN, of the Fourteenth Ward, and on his being brought before the Magistrate the following array of complaints were made against him: JACOB MILLER sold a lease of his tailor shop at No. 77 Mercer-street to CARROLL for $1,050, and received a worthless check on the Fulton National Bank for $225, and was swindled out of some cloths sold or carried away by the prisoner. SOPHIA GONDELA disposed of her cigar store, No. 113½ Elm-street, in a similar manner and took a check for $340 on the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank. BERNARD MCHANY, of No. 79 Pike-street, ELIZABETH MILLER, of No. 419 West Thirty-ninth-street, BERNARD EGLE, of No. 10 Charles-street, CHARLES H. TIEMANN, of No. 403 West Thirty-ninth-street, and several other persons, also testified to similar swindles on the part of CAIRROLL, and it is understood that he has also been operating in East New-York and Brooklyn.

The Magistrate, in committing the prisoner for trial, remarked that he would refuse bail, as the case was one of the most singular he had ever met with. CARROLL is 46 years of age and a goldbeater by trade. He attempted no defence, as it was quite unnecessary in the face of the evidence against him.

Free Churches—What They are Doing.

The Episcopal Bishop of Long Island, while on a visit to St. Stephen's Chapel, (free,) situated at the corner of Jefferson-street and Patchen-avenue, Brooklyn, a few days since, made the following remarks in the course of his address to the congregation. After congratulating them upon their success, he said, that, proceeding as they were upon the scriptural plan of a free Gospel, their success was nothing more than he had anticipated. He was glad to learn that in the few weeks in which they had been worshipping in their new building the number of the congregation had nearly doubled, and that their weekly offerings upon the plate had not even pace with their increase in number. This, he said, was the Apostolic method of sustaining a free Gospel. On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. If the Gospel be freely preached, it must also be freely sustained. Gratitude to God, and love to the souls of men should stimulate us to this duty. To discharge it properly, it was necessary to provide a church building with all due and seemly appointments and furniture, and a clergyman to minister at its altar. And it was the Apostolic injunction that he who ministers at the altar, should live of the altar; that is, that the people for whom he ministered should see to it that they gave him a meet and suitable support. And they had the satisfaction, in thus giving their offerings in a Scriptural way, that they were at the same time sustaining the ministrations of the sanctuary upon a Scriptural plan—the plan of giving the wine and milk of the Gospel without money and without price—of allowing any one that will to drink of the water of life freely. He mentioned a new thing in politics to have all men equal before the law—that the State and the civil magistrates should be no "respecter of persons." But the principle, however new in the kingdoms of the world, was no new thing in the kingdom of Christ, but was as old as that kingdom. The Book of Inspiration had long, long ago said that the Almighty Father of all respected no man's person, but freely extended His grace to all His children. It is, therefore, the law of His Church, which is His appointed channel of conferring that grace, to open her doors to rich and poor alike, without distinction of persons. He had never met with a Christian who, when this truth was properly presented, did not admit it in theory. And what is thus admitted to be theoretically true, he congratulated this parish upon carrying into practice. In the kingdom of nature the dome of Heaven was lifted over all, and light and air were vouchsafed alike to every creature. And these characteristics of that kingdom had their exact counterparts and antitypes in the kingdom of grace. The roof of the church should not be refused as a cover to any who seek admission there. The light of the gospel should shine for all alike. And the breath of God's Holy Spirit should descend upon all who sought it without let or hindrance. There was something inspiring in the very attitude of a free church, which was calculated to increase the zeal of the flock within, and make it aggressive toward those without. Its members were encouraged to tell the outside world to come within its walls. "Come," they can say, "no obstacle is in your way. Our doors stand freely open. Walk in. Take any seat you choose. We recognize no one's right as superior to another's." No wonder that the free churches were so successful in extending the Church. And he could not help feeling, as he rode this evening to St. Stephen's, and saw it lighted up in the distance, that it was set as a "city upon a hill," and would gather into the folds the numbers who, ere long, would be filling up the vacant spaces of the growing neighborhood. Such were, in substance, some of the utterances of the Bishop, as he warmed up with the subject, and he closed with wishing the congregation, most solemnly and hopefully, "God speed."

The Sing Sing Revolt—Action of Coroner Flynn in the Case of O'Neil.

Deputy Coroner SHINE proceeded on Friday to the State Prison at Sing Sing, agreeably to instructions received from Coroner FLYNN, and made some investigations into the circumstances attending the death of HENRY O'NEIL, *alias* Charles H. Lockwood, the convict who was shot by Prison-Keeper SULLIVAN, after he had surrendered. Dr. SHINE found that considerable excitement existed in the village of Tarrytown in regard to the tragedy, and he ascertained that the facts had not been at all exaggerated. Subpœnas were accordingly issued for the attendance of several of the eye-witnesses to the shooting of O'NEIL, as well as the brutal treatment meted out to him after he was shot. These witnesses are ordered to appear at the Coroner's office to-morrow at 12 o'clock, when the inquest will be held.

During his stay at Tarrytown Dr. SHINE procured a statement from ALFRED LAWRENCE, the constable at that village, which was as follows:

I arrested two of the escaped men, DECKER and MULVEY, about one mile below Tarrytown, on the railroad, at 12 o'clock that night. They gave themselves up. Captain STORMS told me that there was another of them in the barn. He had looked for him and given it up. He again went in with Mr. WILLIAMSON, and O'NEIL got up, came out and said, "I will surrender to you, Captain." The Captain then told him to come down and do so. O'NEIL accordingly obeyed. At this time SULLIVAN came in and said, "You—n you, I'll shoot you." O'NEIL then lowered his hands and his head and said, "For God's sake, CHARLEY, don't shoot me." SULLIVAN made no reply, but shot him with a revolver. O'NEIL fell, when SULLIVAN and MANNING kicked him in the head and tried to make him walk. Captain STORMS showed them that at the time they were trying to make him walk O'NEIL was evidently in great agony, and, though sensible, entirely unable to walk. They threw him over the fence into the village on a chair, when Dr. SCRIBNER was called to attend him. He remarked that they had treated O'NEIL most brutally. SULLIVAN and MANNING then got a wagon and took the man to the village, and on their arrival there they took hold of him by the legs and pulled him out of the wagon, swearing and cursing at him all of the time.

The Pequonnock Bank Robbery—Travels of Stolen Bonds.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago Captain SPEIGHT, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, arrested LEVI S. COLE and a young man named GLOVER, and upon the person of the latter found $30,000 of registered bonds and other securities, which were a portion of similar property, valued at $90,000, which had been stolen from the Pequonnock Bank, Bridgeport, Conn. These prisoners were arraigned before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and after a protracted examination COLE was discharged, but GLOVER was surrendered upon the requisition of Governor ENGLISH, and sent to Connecticut, for trial. As a large part of the stolen property was still outstanding, the detectives have ever since been upon the alert in the matter, and on Tuesday last Detective FIELD, of the Fifth Precinct, arrested one DAVID ROSENSTEIN, residing in Forsyth-street, who had offered one of the stolen bonds for sale. The prisoner explained that he had obtained the bond, which is No. 11,652, for $1,000, from AUGUSTUS MORRO, a barkeeper at No. 5½ Pine-street, who, being captured, asserted that he had purchased the bond in question and another of like character from one IGNATIUS WASSERMAN, who was formerly proprietor of a store in Eighth-avenue. WASSERMAN being also taken in charge, was ready with an explanation that he had obtained the troublesome bonds from BERNARD RICE, commission merchant, at No. 74 William-street. The patient detective having thus far followed the stolen bonds on their protracted travels, took his prisoners to the Leonard-street Station-house, where they were looked up pending future developments.

The case came up yesterday before Justice HOGAN, at the Tombs, who granted a temporary commitment, and will hold an examination to-day.

Arnold & Constable's New Store.

On Monday Messrs. ARNOLD & CONSTABLE will open their new retail store, corner of Broadway and Nineteenth-street. It is not necessary to describe the exterior except to give the dimensions. The front on Broadway is 82 feet and 6 inches, that on Nineteenth-street 172 feet, the rear measures

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MARCH 27, 1869.

$2,000	U.S. 5-20 C.'62..	113⅜	20 Bank of Republic 118
50,000	U.S. 5-20 C., '64.	114	20 Metropolitan Bk. 143
19,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.	113¼	12 Ocean Bank..... 109
5,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 R.	105	20 Fourth Nat. Bk.. 103¾
25,000	do	104⅜	10 Park Bank..... 189
5,000	U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.	105⅛	10 Ninth Nat. Bank 112
30,000	do.....	105⅛	5 Bank St. of N. Y. 114
17,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new.....	113⅝	100 Quick. Min. Co. b c 19⅛
10,000	Tenn. 6s...ex c	66⅛	10 Pacific Mail..... 88¾
5,000	do.....	66⅜	100 N. Y. Cen. R....c 161⅛
3,000	Va. St. 6s, ex c	56½	100 Mich. Southern.. 96⅛
1,000	Ga. St. 7s.....	92½	50 Mich. Cen...bet.c. 119⅛
10,000	Mo. St. 6s.....	87½	100 Chi. & N. W..... 84⅛
2,000	Brook. 6s, W.I...	95½	50 Chi. & N.W. Pf... 92⅜
1,000	N. C. State 6s, New.....	57½	25 do..... 92⅛
5,000	do.....	57⅜	200 Clev. & Tol..... 100⅛
1,000	Erie 1st M.....	101⅛	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf. 90
1,000	Erie 3d M.....	80	500 do...bet. call 79⅜
6,000	Hudson 1st M..	100½	500 do.....b30 80⅛
1,000	Mich. S. 2d M..	98¾	100 Del., L. & W..... 114
500	Chi. & N. W. S. F. 6s.....	93	10 do..... 114⅛
3,000	Tol. & W. con. conv. bds	80	30 do..... 115
3,000	Morris & Es. 2d.	90⅛	232 N. J. Cen..... 109⅛
4,000	Clev. & P. 4th.	75	30 Morris & Es..... 88
5,000	H.R.2d S.F. bds	102⅛	200 P., Ft. W. & C.... 124⅛
12,000	C., Chi. & Ind.		100 Chi. & Al., bet. c. 140⅛
	Cen. 1st M....	86⅞	50 Col., C.& Ind.Cen. 43⅛
20,000	do.....	86¾	22 Dub. & S. C....2d c 115

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$5,000	U. S. 6s. '81, C...	115⅞	$70,000 U. S. 5-20 C.'67. 112⅛
1,000	U.S.5-20 C., '65..	116⅛	10,000 U. S. 6s Cur.... 104⅞

OPEN BOARD— 10 A. M.

80	U. S. Ex. Co.....	57	300 Mil. & St. P. R.... 71⅜
80	Amer. Ex.....	41	500 do..... 71
300	Quick. Min. Co. b10	19⅛	100 do..... 71⅛
200	do...b60	19⅞	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.. 80
200	do.....	19⅛	300 Fort Wayne..... 122⅜
100	Adams Express..	58⅞	100 Ohio & Miss.....c 32⅜
100	Mar. Pf.....	34⅛	100 do.....b10 32⅛
400	Pacific Mail.....	88⅛	600 Mich. S. & N. I.... 96⅛
200	do.....	88½	200 Clev. & Pitts..... 88⅛
600	West. U. Tel.....	37⅛	200 do..... 88⅜
300	Hudson.....	139	100 do..... 88⅜
600	Reading.....	91⅜	200 Clev. & Tol..... 100⅜
2200	New-York Cen..	161⅛	200 do..... 100⅜
100	do.....	161⅜	400 Chic., R. I. & P.... 105⅛
200	do.....c	161⅛	200 do.....b30 133
1100	do.....	161⅛	200 Chic. & N. W..... 84⅛
200	do.....b4	161⅛	600 do.....s3 84⅛
200	do.....b3	161⅛	200 Chi. & N. W. Pf... 92⅛
300	Chic. & Alton...c	150¾	

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100	Adams Express..c	58⅛	400 Mil. & St. P..... 71
300	do.....	58⅜	100 do..... 71⅜
100	do.....	58⅞	300 Mil. & St. P. Pref. 79⅛
100	Wells-Fargo Ex..	30¾	100 do..... 79⅛
50	American Ex....	40½	200 do..... 79⅛
200	U. S. Express..	57⅝	100 do..... 79⅛
200	Quicksilver.....	19⅛	300 do..... 79
300	Mariposa Min....	19	100 Mich. Central..... 118
100	Pacific Mail.....	90⅛	600 Ohio & Miss..... 32⅜
200	do.....	90⅛	200 do..... 32⅜
200	do.....c	90⅜	300 Mich. So. & N. I.c 96⅛
200	do.....b5	90⅜	600 do..... 96⅛
200	do.....s10	90⅜	200 do.....b15 96⅛
200	West. Un. Tel..	37⅝	200 do..... 96⅛
200	do.....b10	38	100 do.....c 96⅛
600	N. Y. C. & R.R.	161½	100 do.....b10 96⅛
1100	do.....	161⅜	600 Clev. & Pitts..... 89⅛
1100	do.....	161⅜	300 do.....c 89⅛
200	do.....c	161⅜	200 Clev. & Tol..... 100⅛
200	do.....b5	161⅜	100 Chi., R. I. & P.... 131⅛
300	Reading.....	91⅞	300 Chic. & N. W..... 84⅛
500	do.....c	91⅝	400 Chi. & N. W. Pf.. 92⅛
200	do.....b3	91⅝	100 do.....b5 92⅛
600	Fort Wayne.....	123⅜	200 do.....c 92⅜

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—12 M.

100	West. U. T.....b3	37½	400 Reading.....b10 91⅛
1000	do.....b3	37⅜	200 do.....c 91⅜
100	do.....b10	37⅜	200 Mich. So. R....b3 96⅛
300	do.....	37⅜	200 do.....b4 96⅜
200	N. Y. C. Ch.....	161⅛	100 Clev. & Tol..... 99⅛
100	do.....	c 161	200 do.....b3 100⅝
300	do.....	161	200 Ohio & Miss..... 32⅛
300	Erie.....	34	200 do.....b3 32⅜
300	do.....s3	34⅛	200 Pacific Mail..... 89⅛
1200	do.....s3	34⅛	200 do.....b3 89⅜

SATURDAY, March 27—P. M.

The sales of Gold, to-day, were chiefly at 131⅛ ₱ cent., closing 131@131⅛ ₱ cent., as on Thursday night, (before the half-holiday on Good Friday,) and without particular interest in the market. There was a sharp market for Money among the Brokers, generally, at 9 ₱ cent. per annum, (or its equivalent by way of 7 ₱ cent. Gold Interest,) but the Gold Room seemed less affected by the pressure than other departments of the Exchange. The Railway speculation was lower and the Public Funds dull, because of the high rates demanded for Money, and the Foreign Exchanges were again almost immovable at creditable rates for the drawers. Merchant paper, Domestic, was in fair request at 9 ₱ cent. Currency and 7 ₱ cent. Gold for very select names at 60-days' date, while fair signatures rate from 10 to 12 ₱ cent. Among the Stock Exchange Brokers the talk was quite general of a close market, and while no artificial means are suspected for creating the pressure, it is supposed to have been somewhat intensified since Thursday by the immediate position of two or three of the great dealers in the Public Funds, who for the moment are out of Stock, but ready to buy in again cheap for cash on the advantage of scarce Money. They made little progress in this direction, however, during the day, as nearly the whole Street appears to be in their own situation, to wit, with few or no United States 5-20s on hand to be pressed on sale for cash. The business in the Funds was nominally light.

The Bank statement, notwithstanding the known adverse balances against New York, in respect to Philadelphia, if not Boston, also, shows only a trifling loss of Greenbacks, $219,771, and a small addition to Loans and Discounts, $811,287. The Specie Deposits run down over three million of dollars, by reason of the combined demand from the Importing Merchants to pay into the Treasury for Customs. The Customs this week are $2,603,929. The Gold Interest payments, $184,590. The receipts of Spanish Doubloons from Europe were a million of dollars, and the shipments to Havana, &c., $1,357,163.

No late Saturday Boards are held on the Stock Exchange Board. In the Long Room and on Broad-street the following quotations were made about 5 o'clock P. M., as compared with Thursday night:

	Thursday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	105⅛	105⅛
United States 5-20s of 1862	118⅝	118⅜
United States 5-20s of 1867	113⅜	113⅜
American Gold Coin	131⅛	131
Bills on London, 60 days	108¼	108¼
New Bonds of Tennessee	64½	64⅜
Virginia Bonds, old	57	56⅜
Missouri Bonds	88	87¾
North Carolina Bonds, old	61	61
New-York Central	163	160¼
Reading Railway	91⅝	91¾
Chicago and Rock Island	132½	131¾
Northwest Common	84½	84⅜
Northwest Preferred	92⅛	92⅛
Michigan Southern	96¾	96⅜
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	123	122⅜
Cleveland and Pittsburg	88½	89¼
Pacific Mail Company	88¼	90⅜
St. Paul Preferred	80	79⅛
St. Paul Common	71¾	71⅜
Toledo and Wabash	67	66¾
Cleveland and Toledo	106¼	106
Ohio and Mississippi	32⅝	32⅛
Mariposa Preferred	34⅝	34⅜

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881	115	5-20 reg., '65, n. is	112¾
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	115⅜	5-20 coup., 1867	112⅛
5-20 reg., 1862	113⅛	5-20 reg., 1868	112⅜
5-20 coup., 1862	113⅝	5-20 coup., 1868	113⅛
5-20 reg., 1864	113	5 ₱ cent., reg., 1874	114
5-20 coup., 1864	114⅛	10-40 reg	104⅛
5-20 coup., 1865	114⅜	10-40 coup	105⅛
5-20 coup., '65, n. is	113⅛	6s Currency	104⅛

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ill. 6 ₱ c. '79, aft '70	100⅛	Missouri 6s	87
Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '77	100⅛	Mo. H. & St. Jo. 6s	83⅛
Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '79	100⅛	Louisiana 6s, levee bds.	68⅜
Ill. War Loan	100⅛	Rhode Island 6s	100⅛
Indiana 6 ₱ c. War L.	99	Alabama 5s	67
Indiana 5 ₱ c. War L.	97⅛	Alabama 5s	67
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '73	100	N. Y. Reg. B'ty Loan	100
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '78	98	N. Y. Coupon B. Loan	100
Tenn. 6 ₱ c. ex cou	66⅛	N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, '70	100
Tenn. 6 ₱ c. new bds.	64⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '72	101⅛
Virginia 6s, ex cou	56	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '73	101⅛
Virginia 6s, new bds.	60	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '74	101⅜
Georgia 6s	81⅜	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '75	101⅜
Georgia 7s, new bds	92⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '77	101⅛
North Carolina 6s	61	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '75	101⅛
North Car. 6s, n. bds.	57⅛	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '74	100

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	121	Nassau	105
Manhattan	141	Shoe and Leather	120
Union	128	Corn Exchange	130
America	145	Continental	99⅛
Phœnix	107	St. Nicholas	117
North River	105⅛	Marine	130
Commonwealth	114	Importers' and Traders'	114
State of New-York	112	Imp. and Traders'	128
Commerce	122⅛	Park	127⅛
Mech. Bk'g Ass'n	121	Manuf's and Merch's	102
Chatham	150	Central National	100⅜
Bank of the Republic	118	First National	215
Hanover	109	Fourth National	105⅛
Metropolitan	143	Ninth National	112
People's	140	Oriental	149⅛
Market	122		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est'e.	87⅛	Gt. West'n 2d M., '93..	78
N. Y. C. 6s, Subscr'n..	87⅛	Gal. & Chi. extended.	98
N. Y. C. 7s, 1865-76....	105	Gal. & Chic. 2d M....	95
Erie 7s, 2d ind., 1883...	89	Chi. R. I. & P.....	93⅞
Erie 7s, 4th ind., 1880..	89	Morris & Essex 1st M.	99⅝
Erie 7s, 5th ind., 1885..	87⅛	Morris & Essex 2d M.	80⅝
E., N. Y. & R. 1st '77..	88	N. J. Cen. 2d M.....	100
Hd. R. 7s, 1st M., 1868-70	100	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st M..	101
H. R. 7s, 2d M. 6. 7'65.	102⅛	P. Ft. W. & C. 2d M...	91
Harlem 1st M.....	101	Cleve. & P. 2d M.....	86
C., B. & Q. 8 ₱ c. 1st M.	111	Cleve. & P. 4th M.....	75
Mich. S. 7 ₱ c. 2d M...	93⅛	Chi. & Alton S. F.....	99
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ₱ c.	99	Chi. & Alton 1st M....	101⅝
Alton & T. H. 1st M..	92⅛	Chi. & Alton inc.....	93
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf	81	Ohio & Miss. 1st M....	93
Alton & T. H. 2d M. inc	78	Ohio & Miss. Con.....	84
Chi. & N. W. S. Fund.	95	Peninsula R. R. bonds	85
Chi. & N. W. Int. bds.	90	Mil. & St. P. 1st 7 3-10.	90⅛
Chi. & N. W. 1st M....	91	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	89
Con. 7 ₱ cent. con.....	94⅛	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M..	86
Han. & St. J. L. G...	107	Mil. & St. P. I. & M. d.	85
Tol. & W. 2d M.....	84⅛	Mar. Trustee Cer.....	65
Tol. & W. Equip. bds.	77	Western Union bonds.	86⅛
Tol., W. & W. c. o. St'k. F.	80	Dub. & Sioux C. R....	115
Gt. West'n 1st M. '68..	105	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st M.	86⅛
Gt. West'n 1st M. '88..	87⅛		

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $1,178,662; total payments, $808,218; balance, $94,690,283. The receipts include for Customs, $342,000; for Gold Notes, $63,000.

We learn that the Georgia Legislature has authorized the indorsement of the State on the Bonds of the Brunswick City and Albany Railway Company to the amount of $15,000 ₱ mile, and that the Governor has approved the Act. The fact is important to the New-York holders of Brunswick City property, most of whom are also interested in the Railway, and one of whom, Mr. HEZRON A. JOHNSON, is President of the Company.

We regret to announce the decease, after a short but very painful illness, of Mr. ADOLPH RODEWALD, an active and well-known Broker in Gold and Foreign Bills in Exchange-place, and a respected and public-spirited citizen of the village of New-Brighton, S. I.

The St. Paul road earned in the

Third week in March	$100,900
Same week in 1868	79,609
Increase	$21,291

The Rock Island Road earned in the

Third week in March	$108,600
Same week in 1868	70,303
Increase	$38,297

The Panama Company have declared a Quarterly Dividend of 6 ₱ cent. in Gold, payable April 5.

The Bull's Head Bank has declared a Quarterly Dividend of 4 ₱ cent., payable April 1.

The return from the Bank of England for the week ending the 10th of March, gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Rest	£23,665,594	Increase...£14,126
Public deposits	6,490,959	Increase... 976,963
Other deposits	18,420,367	Increase... 869,769
Government securities	14,076,537	No change.
Other securities	19,928,038	Increase...1,467,159
Notes unemployed	8,752,510	Increase... 392,650

The amount of notes in circulation is £23,204,915, being a decrease of £362,335; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £18,061,934, showing an increase of £40,477 when compared with the preceding week. Subjoined is a comparison of the present position of the Bank of England and the price of Consols and French Rentes with the corresponding week of last year:

	At present.	Same week last year.
Bullion	£18,061,934	£21,179,530
Reserve	9,857,019	13,004,515
Notes in circulation	23,204,915	23,175,015
Rate of discount	3 ₱ cent.	2 ₱ cent.
Consols	93	93¼
French Rentes	70f. 92c.	69f. 45c.

The Paris papers of March 11 publish the following official returns of the Bank of France:

	March 4. Francs.	March 11. Francs.
Capital of the bank	182,500,000	182,500,000
Profits in addition	7,044,778	7,044,778
Reserve of the bank	22,105,750	22,105,750
Landed property	4,000,000	4,000,000
Notes in circulation	1,327,749,100	1,314,243,600
Bank notes to order	35,108,371	38,252,897
Treasury account	156,001,580	154,668,696
Current accounts	241,075,420	254,935,353
Current branch banks	47,325,561	46,322,162
Dividends payable	1,362,808	1,270,221
Discounts	3,005,555	3,573,025
Rediscounted	933,790	933,790
Sundries	6,628,668	6,882,180
Total	2,045,459,968	2,034,032,452
Cash in hand	1,134,186,398	1,144,986,317
Commercial bills overdue	288,177	992,251
Commercial, not yet due	286,616,360	254,927,562
Commercial, branch banks	250,910,083	240,729,899
Advances on bullion	28,698,200	26,146,900
Branch banks	4,988,600	4,003,600
French public securities	13,755,500	13,455,700
Branch banks	6,606,780	6,409,280
On railway shares, &c	37,497,800	37,651,800
By the branch banks	27,878,500	27,879,400
Du Crédit Foncier	929,400	924,700
Branches	956,100	961,700
To the State	60,000,000	60,000,000
Government stock reserve	12,980,750	12,980,750
Government disposable	80,833,437	80,833,437
Rentes immobiles	100,000,000	100,000,000
Hotel and furniture	8,982,201	8,982,201
Expenses of management	701,995	734,626
Sundries	8,841,786	10,723,327
Total	2,045,459,968	2,034,032,452

The *Financial Chronicle* has the following of the movement of the Cotton crop, including the overland receipts, as compared with last season:

"By special telegrams received by us to-night from each of the Southern ports, we are in possession of the returns showing the receipts, exports, &c., of cotton for the week ending this evening, March 26. From the figures thus obtained, it appears that the total receipts for the seven days have reached 32,009 bales, (against 31,887 bales last week, 37,711 bales the previous week, and 44,593 bales three weeks since,) making the aggregate receipts since Sept. 1, 1868, up to this date, 1,974,376 bales, against 1,973,908 bales for the same period in 1867, being an excess this season over last season of 468 bales."

Report of Specie exported from the port of New-York for the week ending March 27, 1869:

March 22—Steamship *Mississippi*, Rio Janeiro—doubloons	$8,000
March 23—Steamship *Mississippi*, Para—British gold	1,222
March 23—Steamship *Mississippi*, Para—American gold	2,600
March 23—Steamship *Germania*, London—American gold	10,000
March 24—Bark *Thomas Dallett*, Lagnayra—American gold	20,000
March 25—Steamship *Hermann*, London—Mexican silver	10,000
March 25—Steamship *Columbia*, Havana—American gold	330,000
March 25—Steamship *Columbia*, Havana—Spanish doubloons	933,210
March 27—Steamship *City of Paris*, Liverpool—Mexican gold	1,500
March 27—Steamship *City of Paris*, Liverpool—British gold	24,431
March 27—Steamship *Rapidan*, Havana—American silver	2,000
March 27—Steamship *Rapidan*, Havana—Spanish doubloons	13,600
Total	$1,357,163

*Received here in transit by Hamburg steamer *Westphalia*, for the Havana market the same day.

Internal Revenue Decision.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, March 16, 1869.

SIR: In answer to your letter of the 6th inst., I have to say that the law imposes a tax of 16 cents per pound on all refuse scraps and sweepings of tobacco, and requires that it shall be put up in packages of 2, 4, 7, 8 and 16 ounces each.

Cigar manufacturers who do not make a business of putting up for use or consumption scraps, waste clippings, &c., but simply sell the scraps and refuse which accumulate from their business as cigar manufacturers, and which are incidental to such business, will not be required to pay special tax as tobacco manufacturers, or comply with the other requirements of law relating to tobacco manufacturers, except those relating to packing and stamping their waste scraps, sweepings, &c., when sold or offered for sale for use or consumption.

Since the law requires such tobacco to be stamped before sale or removal for consumption or use, there will be no objection to Collectors selling stamps for this purpose to any cigar manufacturer who has paid the special tax and given bond as required by law.

Very respectfully, C. DELANO, Commissioner.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, Esq., Collector Sixth District, Indianapolis, Ind.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS of the Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad Company pay both the Principal and Seven per Cent. Interest—1st February and 1st August—in GOLD COIN, Free of Government Tax.

A limited amount only of these Bonds may be had, at par and accrued interest in currency, of H. H. BOODY, Treasurer, No. 12 Wall-st., or of HENRY CLEWS & CO., Bankers, No. 32 Wall-st.

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD MANDAMUS—A SHARP LEGAL SKIRMISH.

In the matter of the alternative mandamus granted on the petition of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.—The alternative *mandamus* issued in this matter, addressed to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, requiring that Court to allow the removal to this Court of the suit then pending against the defendants at the suit of James Fisk, Jr., was returnable to-day. Judge Allen, Mr. Tilden and Mr. Seward appeared for the petitioners. Mr. Hackett appeared for Judge Barnard, and Mr. Field appeared for Mr. Fisk. Mr. Charles Tracy appeared for the petitioners on a second alternative *mandamus* to the same effect.

Mr. Hackett said he was not ready to proceed in the second case, in which the *mandamus* had only been served this morning.

Mr. Field stated that as there were two petitions here he asked to have the parties elect which one they would proceed upon; that on the latter one the alternative *mandamus* was served this morning at 9:30 o'clock, returnable at 11, and this Court certainly would not proceed on such a case as that.

The Judge said that he did not see as he could compel any election; that there was nothing to prevent any one from presenting a petition, and it would be time enough to see whether the two petitions were different when the hearing was had on the last petition; that of course he should adjourn the matter to such time as the Judge of the Supreme Court desired to make a return.

Mr. Tracy suggested that that adjournment ought to be on terms; that the parties were going on in the proceedings in the State Court, and his client was to be imprisoned in those proceedings, and he thought if there was to be an adjournment, it ought to be on the terms that the parties should stay proceedings in the State Court.

The Judge said he should not impose any terms, but would postpone that hearing until next Saturday.

Mr. Tilden said he supposed that they would now go on with the hearing on their petition.

Mr. Field said he had supposed that the Court would not be present, and that both petitions would stand over till both could be heard.

The Judge said he had not intended to postpone both petitions.

The question then arose as to what was the course to be pursued on the petition of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The Judge said that on proof of the service of the alternative *mandamus*, and that it had not been complied with, the petitioner should then move for a peremptory *mandamus*, and cause could then be shown.

Mr. Field then said that he would move preliminarily to dismiss the writ, on the ground of an order which had been served on them this morning, made by Judge Roscerans, ordering that the cause be removed to this Court.

Judge Allen said that if that order were set up as a ground why the *mandamus* should not issue, it ought to come up by way of a return to the writ.

The Court said that this order ought to be presented in some official way, if it was relied upon.

Mr. Field said they would present it in that shape, And on behalf of Mr. Fisk, without desiring to subject himself to the jurisdiction of this Court, he moved to supercede this writ by reason of this order, of which he presented an exemplified copy, with affidavit of service.

Judge Allen said it would be hardly ingenuous to present this order as showing that the case was removed, and at the same time to claim that the order was invalid, and he asked Mr. Field which position he took.

Mr. Field said that the order was there as a fact, and while it existed it must be treated as such; but that what would be the effect if the Supreme Court should afterward vacate it, he would not say.

Judge BLATCHFORD said this order will be put on the files of this Court. The order is an order entitled in the same case that the prayer of the petition be granted, that the bond be approved and the suit removed to this Court, and that the State Court proceed no further in the suit. It is signed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, but it must be regarded not as the action of that Justice but of the Court, for the Court is a unit. It is an order that the whole suit be removed, and that was the pith of the *mandamus*. The alternative *mandamus* was that they allow the suit to be removed, and that they approve the bond and grant the prayer of the petition. The removal of the suit was the pith of the thing, and the Supreme Court has by this order allowed the whole suit to be removed. It may, therefore be regarded as a substantial compliance with the *mandamus*. Or it may be considered that it makes known why they have not accepted the particular remedy and granted the prayer of that particular petition. If it should ever after be made to appear that the order shall have been vacated, then the parties are remitted to such rights as they may have. On the face of this order, this Court must regard the case as here, and the Supreme Court as having allowed the same to be removed.

Mr. Field said he supposed his motion to supersede the writ then would be granted; but the Judge said no, it seemed for him that it had been complied with.

Judge Allen said he thought the proper order would be that, as the *mandamus* had been complied with, the motion for a peremptory *mandamus* be denied.

Both parties thereupon were directed to prepare orders and submit them to the Court, and the Judge directed the form of the order, which, reciting the proceedings, ordered that Mr. Field's motion to supersede the writ be denied, and that the motion for a peremptory *mandamus* be denied.

Before Judge Benedict.

The United States vs. *Rosario Denario.*—This defendant who was convicted on Saturday last, of having counterfeit money in his possession, was sentenced yesterday to seven years imprisonment at hard labor in the Kings County Penetentiary, and to pay a fine of one dollar.

The United States vs. *Yates and Hodgkins.*—In the case of these defendants who were indicted with Blaisdell and Eckle, on motion of counsel a *nolle pros.* was entered, on the ground that they were used as witnesses for the Government on the trial which resulted in the conviction of Blaisdell and Eckle.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN BANKRUPTCY—MARCH 27.

Before Judge Blatchford.

Weld, Nagle & Co. vs. *Ben. Wood and Others.*—The hearing on the petition for involuntary bankruptcy in this case was adjourned over until Saturday next.

Grenville P. Hawes for petitioners, George Shay for defendants.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 27.

Before Judge Barnard.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD LITIGATION—THE CASE TRANSFERRED TO THE FEDERAL COURTS BY AN EX PARTE ORDER.

James Fisk, Jr., vs. *The Union Pacific Railroad Company et al.*—Immediately after the opening of the Court to-day Mr. Field, in behalf of the plaintiff, said he must call the attention of His Honor to a most unusual proceeding in the case. In August last a motion was made herein to remove the action to the United States Court. That motion was fully argued, and, after due deliberation, denied. The defendants did not see fit to appeal. This morning he had been served with an order, not purporting to have been made in any Court, but signed by Judge Roscerans in the City of New-York *ex parte*. This order is to the effect that all proceedings in the Supreme Court of this State are stayed, and the action removed to the United States Court. Counsel said he would characterize this in no harsher language than that Judge Roscerans had been very much imposed upon in granting the order for removal to the Federal Court. He would now move for an order to show cause, returnable at 10 A. M. on Monday next, why the order of Judge Roscerans should not be vacated. This order to show cause was at once granted by Judge BARNARD.

Mr. Field then asked that Mr. Thomas C. Durant be called upon the stand. He wished to have him produce the books of the Company in pursuance of the order of the Court.

Mr. Tracy, in behalf of the Company, objected. There is, said he, a stay of proceedings. No action can be taken at this time.

Mr. Field contended that as to the attachment proceedings, they were special—being against Mr. Durant only. The stay, even if it were legal, did not prevent them from going on, and either examine Mr. Durant, if he had the books in Court, or if he had not obeyed the order of the Judge there upon to produce the books, ask that he be sent to jail. Mr. Durant was already in contempt. Some days ago this Court had decided that he was guilty of contempt, but with the understanding that he, Durant, would produce the books in question, and go upon the stand and testify fully as to all matters pertinent to the case, the Court intimated that he would be excused. Mr. Durant was subpœnaed to attend and testify before a referee duly appointed, but did attend, but refused to be sworn. For this reason an attachment was issued, and in this way this special proceeding was before the Court. The only way for him was to go upon the stand with the books, and give his testimony fully. That would purge him of the contempt; otherwise he ought to go to jail.

Mr. McFarlane, in behalf of the Company, said the motion to commit Mr. Durant to jail was most extraordinary. Here had been produced an order made by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this state, whereby the suit of Fisk vs. The Union Pacific Railroad Company *et al.* is removed to the United States Court, and staying all further proceedings, of course, in this Court. And yet the plaintiff wishes, in the face of this order, to go on with the examination. It was the duty, counsel said, of the Court to decide that no further action could be taken, at all events for the present.

Mr. Field, in reply, contended that the violation of an injunction is a crime—that these contempt proceedings are, in their nature, criminal proceedings. The punishment of Mr. Durant, for contempt or disobedience of a previous order, must be left by the Judge there and then presiding, if by any one.

Mr. Chas. Tracy, counsel for the Company, insisted that the Court could not proceed under the circumstances. To attempt to examine Mr. Durant then would be to trample the order of the Court under foot. If Judges of Courts will not obey orders solemnly given, how can we expect laymen to do so?

Mr. Field—A gross contempt of Court has been perpetrated by Mr. Durant; for this we ask that he be punished. But what is the proceeding in this, where, after a motion was made in August last to transfer this cause to the United States Court, and after a full argument, and due deliberation on the part of the Judge who heard the same, it was denied, we now have the same cause transferred by a Judge of the single stroke of the pen, and wholly on *ex parte* representations. Such things are calculated to bring our Courts of Justice into contempt. What I ask now is, that Thomas Durant, President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, be committed to the common jail of the county unless he purges himself of the contempt in which he now is. Let us see if a confinement for sixty days in prison, and a fine of $250, all of which your Honor has a right to inflict upon Vice-President Durant, will not bring that gentleman to consent to be examined.

Judge BARNARD said he did not like to make an order until this stay of proceedings is vacated or disposed of in the Supreme Court, perhaps these attachment proceedings are separate and distinct from the suit. But to be on the safe side he would adjourn the whole matter over to Monday next.

For plaintiff, Messrs. D. D. and D. Field; for the Union Pacific Company, Mr. Clark Bell, Messrs. Barlow and McFarland, Chas. Tracy, Esq., and Ex-Judge Allen.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 27.

Before Judge Sutherland.

FORGED CHECK—HABEAS CORPUS.

Edward Manoux, who was indicted by the Grand Jury during the present term of the Court of General Sessions for having forged a check on the Bull's Head National Bank for $275, was brought up to-day on a writ of *habeas corpus* and his discharge asked for. The Court after argument, remanded the prisoner and dismissed the writ. The check in question purported to have been signed by Alexander Hornby, and was made payable to Henry Simpkins or bearer.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 27.

Before Judge Jones.

RESTRAINING PROCEEDINGS TO DISPOSSESS.

Martha B. Merrick vs. *Jane Whaley.*—The plaintiff in this action is the assignee of D. B. Dunham, who was the lessee of the furnished premises No. 834 Broadway, occupied as a hotel, and of which Jane Whaley, the defendant in this proceeding, is the lessor.

The lease was assigned by Dunham to the plaintiff Merrick, and in it was contained a provision on the part of the lessor "to keep the premises in proper repair." The lessor failing to make such repairs, the lessee, Dunham, had them done at his own expense to the amount of $2,500, and in assigning the lease to the plaintiff he also assigned his claim for this amount. Plaintiff, failing to be reimbursed this claim, refused to pay the rent, claiming the right to deduct the the amount therefrom, and therefore defendant took the proceedings in one of the District Courts to repossess. The District Court having no jurisdiction to entertain a counter claim of this nature, a motion is now made to this Court to restrain the proceedings unless the expenditures for repairs be accepted in lieu of rent.

The Judge took the papers in the case and reserved his decision.

Mann & Corsen for plaintiff; Frisbie & Black for defendant.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 27.

By Judge Sutherland.

Taylor, Hartshorne & King *vs.* R. C. Root et al.; findings of fact., &c.; settled.

The Protestant Episcopal Society, &c., *vs.* George M. Flanders; bill altered according to the memoranda of decision.

Chickhaw et al. *vs.* Huszak; motion denied without costs.

By Judge Ingraham.

Brown *vs.* Wheeler et al.; motion denied with leave to renew on other papers.

Smith *vs.* Wheeler et al.; papers ordered to be sent to Justice James.

In the matter of Rachel Harway, a person of unsound mind; motion denied.

In the matter of petition of Jas. A. Striker et al. to vacate, &c.; motion granted.

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three minutes' walk from the "Junction Station;" double house, built through the centre; substantially built and modern improvements; good barn, with stables and carriage room; lot well stocked with all kinds of fruit in full bearing. Inquire of BLACKWELL & SMITH, No. 241 Broadway, or of the owner, D. D. COLLIE, No. 47 Warren-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—STAMFORD, CONN.—A VERY desirable residence situated on the street, in the village, ten minutes' walk from the depot; house 22 feet front, 40 feet deep, with dining-room extension; it contains thirteen rooms, with gas, hot and cold water, &c.; lot 40x150 feet, with an excellent garden, and fine stable with four stalls. Apply to D. ROBINS, No. 147 Lexington-av., New-York.

FOR SALE—AT NEW-PROVIDENCE STAtion, 24 miles from New-York by Morris and Essex Railroad, country-seats, houses, lots, farms and building sites, in vicinity of depot, in a beautiful and healthy part of New-Jersey; also, 2,500 acres of land, near Richmond, Va. Apply to WM. B. CROSBY and EDWARD G. BLACK, No. 25 Pine-st., New-York, or to WALTER F. JONES, New-Providence Station, N. J.

FORTY-TWO LOTS, ON HIGH GROUND, between Bergenwood-av. and Bergen Turnpike, County of Hudson, about 4½ miles from Hoboken Ferry, in what is known as the English Neighborhood, will be sold MONDAY, March 29, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, Auctioneers.

FARMS OF 5 TO 150 ACRES, WITH and without buildings. Also country residences, with grounds, for sale at Tappan, on Northern New-Jersey Railroad, one hour from New-York. A good business stand to be sold low. Inquire of JAMES BARTOW, Tappan Station.

"ECHO POINT."—10 ACRES ON THE Sound, (New-Rochelle,) 40 minutes steam from City; porter's lodge, farm-house and stables; old oaks and elms in lawn; good garden, boating, bathing, fishing, gunning at the door; water front alone worth the money; $30,000. C. LELAND, Metropolitan Hotel.

FOR SALE—AT ELIZABETH, N. J., TEN minutes' walk from depot, a house 28x30, lot 37.6x200, 60 feet wide in rear; 13 rooms; barn in rear, 40x16; carriage way from street; gas throughout; house almost new; price $10,500; terms easy. For further particulars, address B., Box No. 115 *Times* Office.

FARM OF 16 ACRES CHOICE LAND for sale, in Columbia, two miles from Madison Depot, line of Morris and Essex Railroad, well fruited and watered; house and outbuildings in good order. Possession given immediately. Address Box No. 27 Post Office, Madison, N. J.

FOR SALE—OR WILL EXCHANGE FOR A five-story house in the City, a beautiful country residence, with six acres of ground, in Westchester County, convenient to City. Address RIVERSIDE, Box No. 167 *Times* Office.

DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS FOR sale—Also, land by the acre, near the Tremont Station, New-York and Harlem Railroad. Inquire of JAMES BUCKHOUT, Thirteenth-st.

LONG BRANCH.—FOR SALE OR TO RENT —Two handsome cottages near the Stetson House. Apply to JOHN HOEY, No. 59 Broadway.

AT NO. 925 BROADWAY—STANLEY ADAY, Broker, mails free to your address THE REAL ESTATE CIRCULAR.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

THORNTON M. RODMAN, REAL ESTate Agent, No. 1 Great Jones-st., offers to let:

The three-story brick house No. 125 Waverley-place; has gas, bath, range, hot and cold water; will put in good order and give three years' lease to a good tenant; rent per annum, $1,200.

Also store and dwelling No. 127 Waverley-place; rent per annum, $1,000.

Also House No. 46 Hudson-st., with No. 45 Thomas-st., with five years' lease, at $3,500.

Also four-story b. & f. house 322 West 14th-st.; $3,000.

OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND.—TO LET—One of the most beautiful country seats on the Sound; the house is large, containing some 27 rooms, and fully and completely furnished; it has furnace, range, hot and cold water, &c., with extension opening into dining-room; the lawns are beautifully laid out, and with the grapery, are in fine order; access by steamboat and railroad; also, 2 cottages, furnished or unfurnished, in the immediate vicinity of the above. Apply to WM. & E. A. CRUIKSHANK, No. 55 Broadway.

WANTED—A DESIRABLE TENANT FOR the second story, together with two rooms on the fourth story of a first-class brown-stone house; the rest of the dwelling occupied by the owner and family, consisting of three adults; none need apply but parties without children and with unexceptionable references. Address Box 3,893 New-York Post Office.

TO LET—AT NEWTOWN, LONG ISLAND, a furnished house containing five bedrooms, bath, water-closet, kitchen, laundry, parlor and sitting-room; plenty shade and small fruit; two large vegetable gardens; within ten minutes' walk of depot; half hour's ride of New-York by two railroad lines; possession at once. FRANCIS T. WALKER, 10 Wall-st.

TO LET—AT PATERSON, N. J., A LARGE frame dwelling on York-av., containing about fifteen rooms, gas and water through the house; a good stable on the premises; about half a mile from the depot; rent, $1,000. For particulars inquire of JOHN J. BROWN, First National Bank.

TO LEASE—ON THE BOULEVARD, AT Fort Washington, a large new house, (with about nine lots, stable, &c.,) finished in black walnut, with all modern improvements, water, gas, furnace, &c.; view of the Hudson unsurpassed; rent, $3,500.
MARTIN & SMITH, No. 31 Nassau-st.

TO LET—THE THREE-STORY BRICK houses Nos. 32 and 36 West 23d-st., opposite the Fifth-avenue Hotel; also, the four-story brown-stone-front house No. 164 West 34th-st. Apply to WM. & E. A. CRUIKSHANK, No. 55 Broadway.

TO LET—A BROWN-STONE FRONT DWELLing; all the improvements; twelve rooms; will be let with or without furniture; terms reasonable. Inquire on the premises, No. 302 De Graw-st., near Court-st., Brooklyn.

TO LET—AT NEWTOWN, L. I., IN THE IMmediate vicinity of the New York and Flushing Railroad Station, a large dwelling-house, furnished, with large garden, &c. For particulars, apply to No. 98 Pearl-st., New York.

TO LET—IN THE BEST PART OF 2D-AV., No. 136; the house is extra width, four stories, with basement, sub-cellar and rear extension of three stories; rent $2,500. Apply to EDW'D AUSTEN, No. 257 Pearl-st.

AT MAMARONECK—TO RENT—A COTtage house of twelve rooms, one-half acre of ground, nice garden; rent, $400. J. A. DELANOY, Insurance Office, No. 124 Bowery.

A DESIRABLE THREE-STORY high basement house in 12th-st., between 3d and 4th-av.; modern improvements. Address W. H. FALCONER, No. 21 2d-st., near Bowery.

WEST 34TH-ST.—HOUSE TO LET IN good order; rent only $2,000. W. E. BRINCKERHOFF & CO., No. 661 8th-av.

NO. 76 BARROW-ST., NEAR HUDSON-st.—Handsomely furnished rooms to let, suitable for one or two gentlemen. No moving in May.

AT NO. 925 BROADWAY—STANLEY ADAY, Broker, mails free to your address THE REAL ESTATE CIRCULAR.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—FOR A YEAR, BY A GENTLEman and wife, May 1, in a strictly private family, with references, a second floor front room, (or back room, if Southern exposure,) closets, hot and cold water, unfurnished, without board, between 4th and 6th avs. and 8th and 30th sts. Terms not to exceed $40 per month. Address M., Box No. 1,416 Post Office, New-York.

WANTED—IN AN ENGLISH BASEMENT house, a room (furnished) suitable for a physician's office, between 38th and 59th sts. and 4th and 8th avs. Address Dr. A., Box No. 104 *Times* Office.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

THE DOUBLE CORNER STORE ON Canal and Elm sts., through to Walker-st., near Broadway, front 47 feet, (with adjoining store making 69, if required,) well lighted and advantageously placed for jobbers, facing that great resort of Southern and Western merchants, Earle's Hotel, to let reasonably. Inquire on the premises.

TO LET—IN THE TIMES BUILDING, NO. 30 Park-row, a small office on the third story, and a larger one on the fourth story.
Inquire of JOHN IRELAND, Cashier *Times* Office.

OFFICES TO RENT.—BANKING OFFICE first story, No. 74 Broadway; also, large first-story office No. 9 New-st., fronting the Gold Exchange. Apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

STORE AND BASEMENT TO LET—No. 426 4th-av., suitable for any business. Inquire of A. CUMMINGS, corner 30th-st. and 4th-av.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 30, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, 111 Broadway:

30-AV.—Three lots west side of 3d-av., southwest corner of 103d-st., (corner, 27.7½,) all ready for building.

114TH-ST.—Two three-story high-stoop and basement brown-stone and Philadelphia brick houses and lots, south side of 114th-st., 185 feet east of 4th-av.; immediate possession; price low.

2D-AV.—Four fine lots on east side of 2d-av., commencing on the southeast corner of 104th-st., each 25x100, on level ground.

MORT-ST., CORNER PELL.—(Executor's sale, estate of B. Disbrow)—Three three-story brick buildings and frame building, No. 31 Pell-st., and Nos. 34, 36 and 38 Mott-st.; lots on lease for 11 years from May next; buildings occupied as dwellings and the corner grocery.

WEST 42D-ST.—Two-story and basement cottage house and lot No. 412 West 42d-st., 25x100.4, 400 feet west of 9th-av.; house 23x33; stands on rear of the lot; contains 10 rooms; hot and cold water, gas, bath-room, marble mantels, range, stationary tubs; neighborhood very good; terms liberal.

82D-ST.—Three-story high-stoop frame house, filled in with brick, and brick basement, and lot No. 15 East 83d-st., between 2d and 3d avs., Hollywood-place; house 22x about 35; contains all the improvements, marble mantels, painted in oil throughout, and built by days' work; lot 25.5x102.2, with handsome garden laid out.

ELEGANT FIRST-CLASS RESIDENCE IN JERSEY CITY, IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF WASHINGTON-SQUARE.

WASHINGTON-PLACE—Very large three-story basement and sub-cellar brick house and lot, on north side of Washington-st., 25 feet west of Sussex-st.; contains 12 rooms, marble mantels and all the modern conveniences, solid black walnut stairs, &c., &c.; is built in the most substantial manner by days' work for the present owner, with 12-inch solid walls; the locality is excellent, being but a few feet from Washington-square, and surrounded by elegant improvements.

MONTGOMERY-ST.—Three-story brick house and lot No. 184 Montgomery-st., north side, between Grove and Henderson sts.; lot 25x100; house 25x36; has 10 rooms, water, gas, store on first floor; two-story and attic house in rear, 25x22, with 10 rooms, and two-story kitchen attached.

BERGEN ROAD—Six lots on the west side of Bergen road, forming the entire front between Lexington and Oxford avs., being 25.9½ by various depths, from 88 to 125 feet.

LEXINGTON-AV.—Two-story and basement frame house and lot, north side of Lexington-av., 68 feet west of Bergen-av., and running through to Oxford-av.; house 26x30, contains 8 rooms, marble mantels, water in kitchen; built three years ago, by days' work.

EIGHT MAGNIFICENT LOTS ON AVENUE ST. NICHOLAS AND NEW-AV., FORMERLY PART OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD F. CARMAN, DECEASED.

AVENUE ST. NICHOLAS—Eight lots on the east side of St. Nicholas-av., commencing at the southeast corner of 140th-st., and running through to New-av., with a frontage of 150 feet on each avenue; these lots are situated on probably the finest part of Manhattan Island, immediately opposite the Bradhurst Mansion, and overlooking the Sound, Central Park, Blackwell's Island, &c., forming, altogether, a most delightful spot for a gentleman's country seat. The ground is level and title indisputable. Terms favorable. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on
THURSDAY, APRIL 1,
At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom,
SUPREME COURT SALE, IN PARTITION, OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON CHATHAM AND WATER STS., UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THOS. C. FIELD, ESQ., REFEREE.

CHATHAM-ST.—The valuable property Nos. 25 and 27 Chatham-st., 28.11 easterly from Frankfort-st., containing 31.5 on Chatham-st., and extending through to North William-st., on which it has a front of 25.1; in depth 109.7 feet on the westerly line, and 102 feet 10 on the easterly side, with all the buildings thereon. The situation for business is very commanding, being opposite the City Hall and Park and Public Buildings. The proposed future for Brooklyn is near this lot.

WATER-ST.—Premises No. 156 Water-st., now occupied by Messrs. Robert Merrill & Sons, being 29.4 from Maiden-lane. Size 25x21.8 and 21.2.

For particulars apply to the attorneys, Messrs. GLEASON & BABCOCK, No. 114 Nassau-st. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

3D-AV. LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

3D-AV.—Three-story brick house and lot No. 46 3d-av., with store on first floor; house 20x36; between 10th and 11th sts. Lot 16.7x100; house 16.7x40; in good order.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE 11TH-AV. PROPERTY.

HUDSON-ST.—The valuable business property Nos. 68 and 70 Hudson-st., southeast corner of Worth-st., 42.9 on Hudson-st. and 79.3 on Worth-st.

HUDSON-ST.—The adjoining lot, No. 66 Hudson-st., between Thomas and Worth sts., 25 feet in front, 27 feet in the rear, 86.2 on the northerly side, and 87.10 on the southerly.

WORTH-ST.—Lot No. 8 Worth-st., south side, adjoining the property on Hudson-st. in the rear, 25x27x40.3 and 29.11.

GOERCK-ST.—Two-story brick house and lot, No. 1 Goerck-st., west side, between Grand and Broome sts., 25x75; title perfect; sixty per cent. can remain on mortgage. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VERY DESIRABLE PROPERTY ON PARK-ROW, ANN-ST., EAST BROADWAY, DIVISION, SPRING, 3D-ST. AND 1ST-AV., 32D-ST., LEXINGTON-AV., 67TH AND 68TH STS.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 30, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

HOWARD-ST.—The valuable lot with the three-story and basement brick building, No. 19 Howard-st., south, between Broadway and Elm-st., and in the rear of the Canal-st. property. Lot 24 feet front and rear, by about 70 feet in depth. Terms at sale.

Maps, &c., at the auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE TENEMENT PROPERTY ON CHERRY AND WATER STS.

D. M. SEAMAN will sell at public auction, on MONDAY, March 29, 1869, at 12 M., at Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the two six-story brick tenement-houses and lots Nos. 137 Cherry and 410 Water sts., near Catharine-st. Lots together, 25x120 feet, extending through. Houses, each, 25x50; water on each floor. The premises produce a large rental, and will be sold on liberal terms. Maps, &c., at No. 14 Pine-st.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT ON MADISON-ST.

D. M. SEAMAN will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the two-story, attic, basement and sub-cellar brick house and lot No. 232 Madison-st., near Jefferson-st.; lot 21x70, house 21x40; gas and water. Maps and further particulars at the auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer,
Will sell at auction, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, on
MONDAY, MARCH 29,
at 12 o'clock,

300 LOTS,

in 174 parcels, beautifully situated on

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS,

known as the Lorillard tract, on the

BOULEVARD, 10TH-AV., GRAND AND RIVER DRIVES,

at 186th, 187th and 188th sts.

For maps, &c., apply to the auctioneer, No. 28 Pine-st.

TERMS LIBERAL.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE SALE OF
ELEGANT BROWN-STONE HOUSE AND LOT NO. 26 SOUTH 9TH-ST., BROOKLYN, E. D.
ALSO,
4 DESIRABLE VACANT LOTS, ADJOINING, INCLUDING THE CORNER OF 2D-ST., AT AUCTION.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY
will sell at public auction, without reserve, on
WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1869,
At 12 o'clock M., at the
EXCHANGE SALESROOM, No. 111 BROADWAY, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

The handsome three-story brown-stone high-stoop basement and sub-cellar house and lot No. 26 South 9th-st., situate on the north side, between 2d and 3d sts., 32 feet east of 2d-st., Brooklyn, E. D.; lot 22 feet front and rear, by 94 feet deep; house 22 feet front by 58 feet; 3 rooms deep all the way up; beautifully frescoed and decorated throughout; containing all the modern improvements; main hall and vestibule tiled with marble; Butler's pantry on the parlor floor; kitchen floor walnut and ash, front cellar flagged and back cellar cemented, with an entrance to a good ice-house, capable of holding 200 pounds of ice. No expense has been spared in the arrangements, improvements having been made from time to time by the present owner, without regard to cost, and is pronounced to be one of the most conveniently arranged houses in the City, and must be seen to be appreciated; also, 4 desirable lots adjoining, including the corner of 2d-st., each 20 feet 6 inches front and rear, by 72 feet deep, suitable for immediate improvement. The location is delightful, in an excellent neighborhood, and no more desirable place of residence can be obtained for persons doing business in the City of New-York, being within three minutes' walk of the Bouwerie-st. Ferry, foot of (the New) Broadway, late South 7th-st. Property in this vicinity is constantly rising in value, and this sale offers unusual inducements, either as a place of residence, speculation or profitable investments. Terms of sale: Fifty per cent. of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage for five years. The title is indisputable. Possession May 1.

FOR PERMITS TO VIEW THE HOUSE, MAPS AND FULL PARTICULARS, APPLY TO THE AUCTIONEER, ALBERT H. NICOLAY, NO. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

AUCTION SALES.

JOHN H. DRAPER, Auctioneer.

BY JOHN H. DRAPER & CO.

ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1869,

AT 12½ O'CLOCK P. M.,

ON PIER NO. 10 EAST RIVER,

NAPLES ORANGES—4,410 BOXES NAPLES

ORANGES.

Cargo brig *Nazarina*.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.—SUPERB SALE OF OIL-PAINTINGS, COSTLY STEAM ENGRAVINGS, BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF GUSTAVUS A. CONOVER, ESQ., DECEASED.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell by auction on the EVENINGS of THURSDAY, 1st, and FRIDAY, the 2d of April, at 7½ o'clock each evening, at the LEEDS ART GALLERIES, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, southwest corner of 12th-st. the above valuable private collection, all of the first-class, and many of them selected by the late owner in Europe. Among other distinguished artists are, viz.:

Eastman Johnson,	Geo. Innes.
A. D. Shattuck,	Jas. M. Hart,
A. F. Tait,	Wm. Hart,
Rembrandt Peale,	Geo. H. Boughton,
Lilly M. Spencer,	Meyer Von Bremen,
Jervis McEntee,	C. M. Webb,
S. Coleman,	W. Beach,
W. H. Powell,	Willems.
Edmonds,	Gay,
Omeganck,	Westall,
H. Schaep,	A. Von Willis,
F. Heldeman,	E. Geselchap,
Geo. Morland,	G. Sus,
R. Fleury,	Wm. Shayer, Sr.,
Farrar,	And others.

Also, two superb pieces of statuary on revolving pedestals, one representing ESMERELDA, the duplicate of one cut for the Emperor of Russia; the other, ITALY FREED FROM HER CHAINS, both by the celebrated artist Rossetti. Also, a valuable collection by Van Marcke, Seignac, Jacobbi, Pecrus, Aufray, Veron, Lan fant de Metz, Veyrassat, Lemmens, Von Seben, Accard, Tony de Bergues, Le Ray, Couturier, and others. They are now on exhibition as above, day and evening, until the sale, which will be without reserve.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

VALUABLE PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENT OF HORSES,
CARRIAGES, WAGONS, HARNESS, SLEIGHS, &c.,
BELONGING TO D. B. ALLEN, ESQ.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell by auction at the private stable of D. B. Allen, Esq., No. 3 West 36th-st., on MONDAY, March 29, at 10 o'clock A. M., without any reserve, viz.:

A pair of horses, 16 hands high, one as "Goliah," has trotted in public in the thirties, and can do it again.

One full-sized clarence, made by Brewster & Co., of Broome-st. Satin-lined and but little used.

One barouche, made by Wood Brothers, and but lit tle used.

One full sized rockaway, made by Wood Bros.

One Sex-seat wagon, enameled leather top, pole and shafts; made by Duesenbury & Van Duzen.

One road wagon, light top, pole and shafts; made by Duesenbury and Van Duzen.

One light road wagon, made by Brewster & Co., of Broome-st. The wagons have been but little used, and are all in first-rate order.

One Portland sleigh, with pole and shafts; has not been used since it was made; as good as new. One fifty-pound sleigh, new; built by Stivers & Smith.

One set double carriage harness.

One set light double harness.

One set light single harness; new side-saddle.

Robes, sleigh-bells, driving blankets, stable blankets, whips, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 17, 1869.

Will be sold at public auction, at Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, Penn., at 10 o'clock A. M., on TUESDAY, April 1, 1869, the following articles of Clothing, new, but rated unsuitable for issue to troops, viz.:

3,147 pairs Pegged Boots.
19,639 pairs Pegged Shoes.
25,700 gray Flannel Shirts.
And the following articles of clothing and equipage unserviceable, viz.:
4,550 Blankets.
852 Coats, Privates.
31 Great Coats, lined.
1,246 Sack Coats, lined.
48 Sack Coats, unlined.
681 Canteens, complete.
254 Jackets, Privates.
738 Flannel and Knit Shirts.
381 pairs Stockings.
3,701 pairs Trousers, mounted.
2,127 pairs Trousers, foot.

Also, at the same time and place, a large quantity of old Rope, Tent Cuttings, Burlaps, Petroleum Paper, Cotton Cuttings, old Packing Boxes and other articles of Clothing and Equipage.

Terms—Cash in Government funds.

Cash at time of purchase for all sales below $25. A deposit of 20 per cent. will be required on all sums above that amount.

Catalogues of the property to be sold will be furnished upon application to this office.

H. M. ENOS, Brevet Colonel and Acting Quartermaster United States Army, Depot Quartermaster.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.—ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer, No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post Office, will, as for many years past, give his personal attention to the sale of household furniture at private residences of families declining housekeeping.

Mr. SOMERVILLE will also hold tri-weekly sales of furniture at the old-established and well-known salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post Office. This

EASTER OBSERVANCES.

The Easter Festival in New-York and Brooklyn.

Religious Ceremonies in Foreign Countries.

Curious Easter Customs in England.

The Musical Programme for the Services To-day.

The glad festival of Easter, the anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord, and the fore runner of the season of sunshine and flowers, commences to-day. Of late this important festival has been more generally observed in this country than heretofore, and this year it appears that most of the religious denominations in this City and Brooklyn will hold services peculiar to the day. In the principal Protestant Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches special services will be held, the altars will be decorated with rare flowers, and the music will be of the choicest character. The ladies generally honor Easter Sunday by donning their Spring fashions, and should to-day prove fine, an unusual display of costly toilets may be expected.

The day will be appropriately ushered in by the chimes of old Trinity ringing the following melodies;

"Changes on eight bells," "How in the Flowery Spring," "He is risen, He is risen," "See the Morning Star a dwelling," "When merry church bells ring," "Christ the Lord is risen again," "Easter Hymn."

EASTER.

The festival of Easter, originally called the Paschal Day, because considered to be the same with that on which the Jews celebrated their Passover, is as ancient as the time of the Apostles. It received the name of Easter from the circumstance of the festival occurring in the season that the goddess Eostre was worshiped by the Saxons. In Broughton-Lindsay, in Lincolnshire, England, a strange manorial service is performed on Palm Sunday, the Sunday preceding Easter. This manor is held under that of Caistor, and annually, on that day, the deputy of the Lord of the Manor of Broughton attends at the church of Caistor, with a new cart-whip in his hand, which he cracks thrice in the church-porch, passes, with it on his shoulder, up the nave into the chancel, and seats himself in the pew of the Lord of the Manor, where he remains until the officiating minister is about to read the second lesson. He then proceeds with his whip, to the lash of which he has in the interim affixed a purse, which ought to contain thirty silver pennies, (instead of which a single half-crown is substituted,) and, kneeling down before the reading-desk, holds the purse suspended over the minister's head all the time he is reading the lesson; after which he returns to his seat, and when divine service is over leaves the whip and purse at the manor-house.

MAUNDY THURSDAY.

On the Thursday before Easter, commonly called Maundy Thursday, in the year A. D. 1363, EDWARD III., of England, actually washed the feet of a number of poor persons, in imitation of the example of our Saviour's washing the feet of his disciples, as recorded in the Second Lesson for the Day. It is also on record that Cardinal WOOLSEY did the same at York, in the time of HENRY VIII., the Court being at that time held there. The ceremony is still kept up in Catholic countries. After the above ceremony had been performed, liberal donations of clothing and silver money were made to the poor, and refreshments were served to them, to mitigate the severity of the fast. A relic of this custom is still preserved at St. James' London, on this day, when it is customary to feast as many women and a like number of men, as the Queen is years old. The bounty dispensed to each person by the Sub-Almoner, consists of codfish, salmon, red herrings, pickled herrings, and four loaves, which are presented to them in a wooden bowl, to which is afterwards added three pounds and a half of beef, and an additional loaf. After this distribution which takes place in the morning, has been gone through, the Queen's health is drank by all from wooden cups. In the afternoon, the ceremonies with additional bounties are resumed in the chapel, when the service is read, and a distribution of money and clothing takes place The latter ceremony commences by a procession of eighty-eoman of the Guard and a yeoman Usher, one of former carrying on his head a gold dish, in which are a number of red and white bags, containing a portion of money, and as many new two-penny, three-penny and four-penny silver pieces as will together amount to as many pence as the Queen is years old. The dish is placed on a table in front of the altar. After the Usher follow the Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal and the Sub-Almoner. The Lord High Almoner's Secretary, the Groom of the Almonry, and two boys and two girls, selected for their good behavior from St. Margaret's School, each decorated with muslin scarfs and sashes, close the procession. After the First Lesson has been read, the distribution takes place. The Chaplain then pronounces an appropriate thanksgiving, and the ceremony is concluded by all persons—those who form the procession, with those who performed the service and the partakers of the royal bounty—drinking the Queen's health in claret from wooden cups.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Good Friday, the anniversary of the crucifixion of our Lord, has been for ages solemnly observed throughout the Christian world. In England, business is entirely suspended on that day. In this country, that rule is more honored in the breach than in the observance. Strict people abstain from all kinds of animal food, and it is related by BOSWELL that Dr. JOHNSON even went so far as to do without cream in his tea on this day. In former times, eggs and bacon were considered appropriate food for Good Friday. Eggs laid on this day were thought to have the power of extinguishing any fire into which they might be thrown. In modern times the only kind of edibles connected with this day are hot cross buns, which are too well known to need a description.

On the day before Easter Sunday, at Rome, two or more Jews are generally procured to be baptized. In England, in former times, it was customary to put out all fires on this day, and light them anew from the sparks obtained from flint. The new fire was blessed by the priest, and it was considered that a brand from this fire was a sure safeguard against lightning. On Easter eve all the farmers in the vicinity of Florence collect in the cathedral to watch the motions of an artificial dove which, just as the priests begin the *Gloria in Excelsis*, bursts away from the choir, glides along the nave on a rope, sets fire to a combustible car in the street, and then flies back to its post. The farmers and peasantry express a deep interest in its flight, for all their hopes of a future harvest depend on its safe return to the altar.

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK.

Toward the close of the second century, a dispute commenced about the particular time when the fast of Easter ought to be observed. The Asiatic Churches kept it on the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, answering to our March, and three days after commemorated the Resurrection, being guided by the authority of the Apostles Philip and John, and the example of Christ, who held His Paschal feast on the same day as the Jews celebrated their Passover, while the Western or European Churches celebrated their Paschal on the night preceding the anniversary of Christ's resurrection, and thus connected the commemoration of His death and of His resurrection, and for this they pleaded the authority of the Apostles Peter and Paul. One principal inconvenience attending the Asiatic celebration was, that the great festival was commonly held on other days of the week than the first, and therefore VICTOR, Bishop of Rome, toward the close of the second century, attempted to regulate the Asiatic Churches by that of the European; but it was not until the year 325 A. D., that the desirable object of effecting a uniformity of holding Easter between the two Churches was determined upon. In that year, in the great Ecumenical Council of Nice, assembled by order of the Emperor CONSTANTINE, it was ordained that Easter should be kept on one and the same day throughout the world, namely, the Sunday which falls upon or next after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. This decree was ratified and published by the Imperial letters to all the Churches. It has been found by computation that the earliest possible day whereon Easter can fall, in any year, is the 22d of March. It fell on that day in 1818, and it cannot fall again on that day till the year 2,285. The latest possible day whereon Easter can fall, is the 25th of April. In the reign of CHARLEMAGNE, (800-814, A. D.,) a custom was instituted in the City of Toulouse that at Easter any Christian might box the ear of a Jew wherever he chanced to meet him, to show his contempt of the race of men who crucified the Saviour. This usage was, on some occasions, attended with excessive cruelty, for it is stated that at one time the eye of a Jew was forced out on the side of the head whereon the blow was given. This custom in the course of years was commuted for a tax, and the money so obtained was made use of for the benefit of the Church of St. Saturnin.

In the thirteenth century it was the custom to seize all ecclesiastics found walking abroad between Easter and Pentecost, and compel them to purchase their liberty. This was merely an acting of the seizure of the Apostles after Christ's passion.

Many centuries past it was usual in England for the barbers to shave the parishioners in the churchyard, on high festivals, (as Easter, Whitsuntide, &c.,) before matins. The observance of the custom was restrained in the year 1422, by a particular prohibition of RICHARD FLEMMYNG, Bishop of Lincoln. Early in the fifteenth century the first dish brought to the table on Easter Day was a red herring riding away on horseback, *i. e.*, a herring served up after the likeness of a man on horseback set in a corn salad. In Paris the people were formerly accustomed to pursue the Jews through the streets during Holy Week and on Easter Day, and to break their doors and windows. In the week preceding Easter, in France, baskets full of eggs boiled hard, of a red or violet color, are seen in the streets, and the children amuse themselves in playing with and afterward eating them. In Egypt, at this period, the cattle and trees were colored red, because, say they, at this time, the world was come to fire. The egg placed on the Paschal table of the Jews was a symbol of the human race and of their successive generation; the egg entered into all the mysterious ceremonies called Apocalyptic; and the Persians, who present eggs at the commencement of the new year, know that the egg is the symbol of the world. Whether the Christians, whose year commenced at Easter till 1563, have borrowed the custom of presenting eggs to children from the Persians, or from the Passover ceremonies of the Jews, there is little doubt that the red color given to them is derived from the practice of the Jews and Egyptians. Throughout the country of Bonneval, on the day preceding Easter Sunday, and during the first day of that week, the clerks of the different parishes, the beadles and certain artisans, as those who were constantly employed in constructing the implements of agriculture, or in making or mending harness for the horses, went about from house to house to ask for their "Easter eggs." In many places, the children make a sort of feast at breakfast time, on Easter Day, with red or yellow eggs. On Easter Day, throughout France, the different mechanics, such as the smith, the wheelwright, the shepherd, the ferryman, the miller, &c., go to their customers and ask for eggs, which are never refused; the children of the village also proceed on the same errand, and have red eggs given to them. This kind of begging is called *les roulees*, or going the rounds. In Russia, it is customary to go about with a quantity of eggs, and to give one, with a kiss, to each friend one meets, saying, "Jesus Christ is risen," to which the other replies, "Yes, He is risen," or, "It is so of a truth." At Rome, the Pope formerly blessed eggs, which were intended to be distributed throughout the Christian world on this day. In Germany, the people offer a small engraving of an egg, with some lines of poetry written beneath instead of the egg itself. At this season the penances performed by the devout in some countries, and particularly Spain and Portugal, are of a very severe character, such as going about the streets with chains and barefooted, scourging themselves in churches, &c. The following curious anecdote relative to such penances is taken from the *Welsh Chronicle of the Princes*: "When ETHELWOLF, the father of ALFRED the Great, arrived in Rome, having on his journey seen persons of many nations, some of whom were naked and others in chains, performing penance in the most populous cities, which had excited his commiseration, he prevailed upon the Pope to grant that no one of his kingdom should, in future, be enjoined to perform penance naked or in chains, either there or when absent from his native country."

EASTER SUNDAY.

A singular custom exists in many parts of England on Easter Sunday. Young men go abroad, and, taking hold of every female that they chance to meet, pull off her shoes, which are only returned upon her payment of some trifling forfeit. In Durham it is done by boys, who, on meeting any woman, accost her with, "Pay for your shoes, if you please." The amount thus collected is spent in a feast at night. A contributor to the *Gentleman's Magazine* in August, 1790, say that at Risson, in Yorkshire, "on Easter Sunday, as soon as the service of the church is over, the boys run about the streets and lay hold of every woman or girl they can, and take the buckles from their shoes. This farce is continued till the next day at noon, when the females begin, and return the compliment upon the men, which does not end till Tuesday evening; nay, I was told that, some years ago, no traveler could pass through the town without being stopped and having his spurs taken away, unless redeemed by a little money, which is the only way to have your buckles returned." In England, before the Reformation, during the course of the day, the clergy had a game of ball in the church—a custom which it is now difficult to believe could ever have existed. With reference to "Easter eggs," it may be mentioned that the King of England formerly had hundreds prepared to give to his household. In a roll of the expenses of EDWARD I., there occurs, in the accounts of Easter Sunday, in the eighteenth year of his reign, this item: Four hundred and a half of eggs, eighteen pence.

In Ireland, at the festival of Easter, a cake, with a garland of meadow flowers, is elevated upon a circular board upon a pike, apples being stuck upon pegs around the garland. Men and women then dance round, and they who hold out the longest win the prize.

At Rome the Pope is carried in great state to perform high mass in St. Peter's, from the balcony of which he afterward blesses the people assembled in the piazza below. This is, perhaps, one of the most imposing religious spectacles which the world anywhere presents.

EASTER WEEK.

The week commencing with Easter, and called thence Easter week, is a season of festivity. In London the hard-working mechanics and laborers give themselves up to recreation and amusement, and spend most of their time at Greenwich, or frequent the taverns in the immediate vicinity of the great metropolis. In Kent, on Easter Monday, the young people visit the public-houses for the purpose of eating "puddingpies." These pies vary in size from that of a teacup to a small tea-saucer, and are made with a raised crust to hold a small quantity of custard, lightly sprinkled with currants. The origin of this custom is unknown to the oldest inhabitant. At Portaferry, County of Down, Ireland, on Easter Monday, the young folks repair, in their best clothes, to a spot near that town called "The Walter." There the men kiss the females, married or single, with the free consent of husbands and parents. The female initiated is homely indeed, who does not receive at least a baker's dozen before she seeks her own home. The custom is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. At Belfast, County of Antrim, on the same day, thousands of people resort to Cave-hill, about three miles distant, and pass the time in dancing, drinking, fighting, and climbing the moss-covered rocks which adorn this beautiful place. Many return home with black eyes and broken bones, and remember the day for weeks to come. In the evening, a play is usually produced at the Belfast Theatre called "The Humors of Cave-hill." The festival of Easter is a pledge of Spring. To the school-boy, Easter brings up visions of freedom from hard tasks, with an unlimited allowance of eggs; the young lady, on the other hand, associates the name with a new bonnet or a fashionable dress, while the gentlemen look on it as a name and nothing more.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

At Trinity Church, which has been decorated with great care and taste, the following music will be performed: Morning—Proper Anthem, Psalter, Psalms 2, 57, 111; "Te Deum," BOYCE, in C; Jubilate, MERBECKE; Anthem, "Now upon the first day;" Kyrie, MONK; Hymn 69; Offertory, "Endless Alleluia;" Sanctus; Gloria in Excelsis; Recessional, "At the Lambe' High Feast." Evening: Psalter, Psalms 113, 114, 115; Cantate, Benedic; Anthem, "As Morning;" Hymn, Hallelujah, HANDEL; Recessional, "The strain upraise."

At St. Paul's the following: Processional—"Christ the Lord is risen to-day." German Choral. Proper Psalms, chanted; Te Deum Laudamus, and Jubilate Deo, and Nicene Creed. Anthem service, composed for St. Paul's Chapel, by the organist, J. H. CORNELL. Offertory—"Christ is risen from the dead," Dr. ELVEY. Evening, Proper Psalms chanted, "Cantate Domino" and "Benedic anima mea," set in service form by the organist. Anthem—"Hallelujah," from HANDEL'S Messiah. Hymn—"Jesus Christ is risen to-day," by W. T. BEST, organist of St. George's Hall, Liverpool.

At St. Luke's, Morning Service—Easter Anthem, 8 Tone Gregorian; Proper Psalms, Angelican Chants, Te Deum, STAINER, in C; Jubilate, BOYCE, in A; Anthem, "The Lord is my Strength," NOVELLO; Kyries, W. S. BEST; Gloria, BRIDGEWATER; Offertory, "Christ and Passover," GOSS; Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis, OLD; Nunc Dimitis, 7 tone.

At St. Anne's, Evening service: Opening, Easter Anthem, POUND; Gloria, BERGE; Bonum Est, MOSENTHAL; Benedic, A. W. BERG; Chorus from MOZART'S Twelfth Mass; Offertory Duet, solo and tenor, GOUNOD; finale, Hallelujah chorus from "Messiah," HAYDN; choruses given by the Berge Choral Union, organist, Dr. WM. BERGE.

At St. Albans, corner of Forty-seventh-street and Lexington-avenue, the following:

Matins, 9:45 A. M.—Plain song, service for men only. Mass at 10:30. Processional—Jesus Christ is risen to-day. Anthem—"Christ our Passover." Mozart's Kyrie. Sequence, 69th Hymn. MERBECKE.s Creed. Offertory Anthem—"Christ Being Raised." MOZART'S Sanctus, MOZART'S Benedictus, MOZART'S Agnus Dei, MOZART'S Gloria in Excelsis.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Pontifical Mass will be sung at 10:30 o'clock. MOZART'S Mass, No. 12, will be given by sixty voices, under the direction of Mr. GUSTAVUS SCHMITZ. The solos will be sung by Messrs. H. SCHMITZ and HOCH, and the choruses by the choral society.

At St. Stephen's, Grand High Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock A. M., with Dr. WM. BERGE's Paschal Mass by fifty vocalists. The The solos will be given by Mme. DE LUSSEN, Mme. ANSCHUTZ, Signors TOMARO and COLLETTO, orchestral accompaniments will be by THEO. THOMAS' orchestra. The offertory will consist of a soprano solo by GOUNOD, with violin obligato and accompaniment.

At St. Xavier's BEETHOVEN'S Mass in C will be given, with orchestral accompaniments. CERUTTI'S Vespers will be given at 5 o'clock P. M.

At the Redemptorist Church, Third-street, BUHLER'S Mass in D. Minor, under the direction of Mr. BERNARD AMEND, will be given. The solos will be sung by Miss MILLER, soprano; Miss STOCK, contralto; Mr. JOHN RISSE, tenor; Mr. JOHN DENVER, bass. Five other sopranos, five other contraltos, six tenors, and four basses will unite with an orchestra of thirty led by Mr. PHILIP LOESCH. The graduale and offertory pieces will be by SCHUDERMEYER. After mass there will be a chorus, by BECKER, sung by fourteen male voices.

At St. James' Church, at 10:30 o'clock, Mass; HAYDN'S Mass No. 3 will be sung, Mr. C. W. MELVILLE, organist. The soloists will be Mlle. SELVOTTI, soprano; Mme. STAGG, contralto; Signor CHISE, tenor; Mr. FRANCIS MELVILLE bass, with a full orchestra and chorus.

At St. Peter's, at the 10:30 o'clock Mass; HAYDN'S Mass, No. 16, will be sung, under the direction of Mr. WILLIAM FECHER, organist, by the ordinary double quartette choir. Mrs. EASTON is soprano; Miss HENNE, contralto; Herr FRIETZ, tenor; Herr STAUB, bass.

At St. Mary's, at the usual High Mass, ROSSI'S Kyrie, Gloria and Credo will be sung, and LAMBILLOTTE'S Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Regina Cœli Cotare. The sopranos will be Misses Boyle, Sayer, McCarty and Keane; altos, Misses Cox, Marley and McNamara; tenors, Messrs. Wm. Dougherty, James Dougherty and George McDermott. A chorus of fifty voices will assist. Director, Mr. JOHN BYRNE.

At the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Greenpoint, Mr. N. S. BAILEY'S newly-composed "Te Deum" will be given by the following artists: Mme. S. HANAFORD, of Boston, soprano; Miss LINSIN, contralto; Mr. CHAS. ETHRIDGE, formerly of Dr. EWER'S Church, Fifth-avenue, tenor; Mr. T. P. FOWLER, basso; Mr. C. MILLER, organist.

At St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church, at the morning service, MERCADANTE'S celebrated Mass will be given. Miss EDWARDS, soprano; M. CHOPPIN, basso; Professor HESSION, organist.

Mme. GAZZANIGA will sing at St. Ann's Church. BEETHOVEN'S Mass in C will be performed, and the "Hallelujah" chorus, both under the direction of Mr. G. W. MORGAN, the organist of the church.

At the Church of St. John Baptist, Lexington-avenue, corner of Thirty-fifth-street, the music will consist of selections from LAMBILLOTTE, LLOYD, MOSENTHAL, BUCK and MILLARD.

THE CENTRAL PARK.

Gift of a Colossal Statue of Columbus by Hon. Marshall O. Roberts.

The following correspondence will be read with interest by the thousands who visit Central Park in Summer:

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the Central Park:

MY DEAR SIR: I have the pleasure through you to present to the Central Park Commissioners the colossal statue of COLUMBUS, the work of our gifted countrywoman, EMMA STEBBINS. COLUMBUS is represented as standing upon the deck of his ship, alone and at midnight, just before the land of the Western Continent burst upon his view. His mutinous crew have all deserted him, and are feasting below, while he, the intrepid discoverer, with a firm grasp upon the rudder-post, looks eagerly, anxiously forward, piercing the darkness with his eye of faith, and with earnest prayer to Heaven for success, waits for the dawning of the day; that day which, coming at last brings with it victory and repose. This statue is truly grand in its conception and beautiful in its execution, worthy indeed to occupy a prominent place in our Central Park. It would add one more attraction to that charming spot which the Commissioners and yourself have done so much to adorn for the pleasure and delight of the people. The statue and pedestal are both at the Academy of Design, subject to your order, as soon as a suitable glass house has been provided to protect the marble from the weather. With the hope that the Commissioners will be able to provide this during the present season, and receive the proffered gift,

I remain your obedient servant,
MARSHALL O. ROBERTS,
Fifth-avenue, corner of Eighteenth-street.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK, BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, NO. 31 NASSAU-STREET, NEW-YORK, March 23, 1869.

MY DEAR SIR: I am much gratified to be the medium of communicating to the Commissioners of the Central Park the munificent donation that is the subject of your expressive letter of 20th ultimo. It has often seemed very remarkable that more than three centuries should have passed away without any commemoration in our City of the discovery of the vast continent of whose cities it is the chief; and it is especially agreeable to recognize the fact that one of her most eminent commercial men, appreciating the exalted character of the achiever of this discovery, has suggested and accomplished a memorial that appropriately illustrates an event that holds no second place in historical importance. As was fit, the American merchant and promoter of maritime enterprise, has called upon the genius of the American sculptress to create and clothe with all the finer expression of art a symbolical representation of a revelation that should have stamped ineffaceably upon the continent the name of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. The Commissioners of the Park, concurring fully in your encomiums upon the distinguished artist who has so admirably rendered her subject, and valuing highly your kind expressions relative to the work with which they have been so long connected, accept the proffered statue with especial pleasure, and will immediately proceed with the arrangements necessary for its protection and preservation, that it may long stand the subject of popular admiration and of public appreciation of the large liberality of its donor.

With great esteem and regard, I am, dear Sir, very sincerely yours,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller Central Park.

Hon. MARSHALL O. ROBERTS.

Revenue Returns.

The following table will show the returns made by the Gas Companies, street Railroads, stages and places of amusement for the month of February:

Names of Companies—Cubic Feet.

Manhattan Gas Company	119,424,486
New-York Gaslight Company	51,233,074
Metropolitan Gas Company	38,881,320
Harlem Gas Company	8,534
Total	219,043,704

Stages—Gross Receipts.

Madison-avenue stages	$14,877
Fifth-avenue stages	17,560
Broadway, Twenty-third-street and Ninth-avenue stages	16,108
Fourth-avenue stages	12,250
Broadway and Second-street	2,714
Total	$63,509

Street Cars—Gross Receipts.

Broadway and Seventh-avenue	$60,130
Central Park, North and East River Railroad	$1,846
Eighth-avenue Railroad	56,138
Forty-second and Grand-street Railroad	28,719
Ninth avenue Railroad	6,543
Sixth-avenue Railroad	49,625
Second-avenue Railroad	34,622
Third-avenue Railroad	93,868
New-York and New-Haven Railroad	123,947
New-York and Harlem Railroad	83,907
Bleecker-street Railroad	22,452
Total	$579,757

Theatres, &c.—Gross Receipts.

Grand Opera House	$12,681
Booth's Theatre	43,000
Tammany	31,257
Bryant's	4,850
Wallack's	34,409
French Theater	28,555
Leah's Circus	14,032
Academy of Music	12,294
Brougham's	11,295
Wood's	28,770
Olympic	25,010
Waverley	6,328
New-York	2,180
Kelly and Leon, for January	9,000
Niblo's	54,487
Bryant's Minstrels	12,000
Theatre Comique	12,670
Bowery Theatre	9,364
Broadway Thatre	9,705
Tony Pastor's	7,054
Stadt	10,199
Total	$389,980

Ferries—Gross Receipts.

Grand-street Ferry	$45,445

Income Tax in the Third Collection District, Brooklyn.

The following is a list of incomes assessed in Division 1 of the Third Collection District of Brooklyn, including only the names of persons taxed for $10,000 and over:

Archer, G. B.	$19,329	How, Jas.	$14,698
Boss, Samuel G.	13,227	How, Fislin	41,308
Baxter, Archibald	20,541	Johnson, John	13,064
Barnes, S. C.	19,114	Jacobus, Lyman A.	10,268
Bowen, Henry E.	16,301	Kresay, Redmond	16,744
Brush, Conklin	11,347	Lewis, Jno. W.	28,334
Bowen, Henry C.	25,477	Manning, F. R.	10,060
Bulkley, E. B.	15,522	Mason, Jno. W.	26,326
Bell, Geo. A.	19,588	Messenger, Harry	15,106
Bergen, Geo. W.	10,564	Messenger, Thos.	14,285
Beecher, Ely Ward.	11,678	Moffat, David	12,910
Beach, Moses S.	17,500	Moron, Francis	24,023
Benedict, R. S.	12,040	Wiklers, W. W.	30,264
Hill, Chas. E., (Ex.r)	40,217	Shay, J. B.	14,118
Blake, H. B.	10,384	Smith, B. H.	13,037
Claflin, H. B.	40,000	Smith, Gilbert	10,739
Cornell, P. C.	39,558	Smith, Sterling	11,741
Crehan, Chas. E.	15,729	Southwick, N.	13,461
Case, Wm.	26,761	Spence, Jas. C.	14,850
Caldwell, Chas.	30,951	Sprague, C. A.	10,548
Carhart, Geo. B.	10,238	Spelman, J. J.	13,158
Camp, C. B.	29,000	Spelman, W. C.	12,149
Carpenter, Oliver	23,300	Squibb, E. B.	11,440
Clyde, Wm. P.	27,000	Storrs, A.	15,152
Cook, Pitt	22,140	Stern, G.	19,019
Daniels, Samuel	11,181	McLane, Jas.	27,845
De Witt, A. H.	10,023	Olcott, Geo. M.	17,352
Davis, Benj.	10,500	Farmer, Louis	22,511
Dillon, B.	11,796	Parsons, C.	13,158
Dyke, Henry	10,735	Robbins, D. C.	29,405
Fanar, Chas.	10,503	Rugetts, J.	25,999
Farmer, A. D.	19,785	Sanger, Henry	43,046
Fayerweather, D. B.	30,677	Studwell, J. J.	19,019
Foster, Chas. E.	17,208	Swan, W. H.	28,824
Foster, Wm.	10,747	Tweezy, U. S.	13,768
Foster, Robert	11,160	Torrance, H.	34,549
Gale, Francis A.	12,370	Van Anden, J.	50,000
Green, Sidney	27,327	Valentine, —	12,892
Graves, E. A.	28,600	Wand, J. S.	62,088
Graves, E. B.	63,593	Worthingham, J.	19,260
Grebel, Chas. C.	19,000	Willetts, E. B.	10,040
Hastings, Walstelli	20,040	Webster, T.	11,421
Harper, J. W.	58,515	White, T.	20,208
Healey, Aaron	14,385	Yokum, W. D.	11,945
Heynigan, L.	28,450		

Albany Legislation and the Union League Club.

A meeting of the Union League Club was held last evening, for the purpose of considering certain measures relating to this City now before the Legislature. A resolution was adopted denouncing those persons who were shown to have been engaged in the late naturalization frauds. Another resolution was adopted, remonstrating against the passage of the Police bill recently introduced in the Legislature. MOSES H. GRINNELL was congratulated upon his appointment as Collector, and the Club adjourned.

A PRISONER RESCUED.

Theodore Allen in Custody and Discharged—Singular Developments as to the Sheriff's Office.

Late yesterday afternoon THEODORE ALLEN, of the Eighth Ward, appeared before Justice LEDWITH, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, in custody of Sergeant CHRYSTIE, of the Eighth Precinct, and at the same time came one ROBERT F. TOWNLEY, as a complainant against him. These parties by no means came alone, but were attended by a retinue of the men of muscle and dubious renown, who grace the St. Bernard Hotel, corner of Prince and Mercer-street. When TOWNLEY had recovered his breath he drew from his pocket and presented the magistrate a warrant issued by Governor HOFFMAN for the arrest of one WILLIAM FORRESTER, convicted of burglary in Cook County, Illinois, who had escaped from custody. This document was indorsed by Sheriff JAMES O'BRIEN, authorizing TOWNLEY to arrest FORRESTER, and having thus fixed his *status*, the latter proceeded to explain that about 2 o'clock he had posted himself in Mercer-street, near Prince, to watch for FORRESTER, whom he expected to pass on his way from a house in West Houston-street to the St. Bernard Hotel. Presently FORRESTER appeared, when TOWNLEY tapped him and said he had a warrant for him, to which the burglar answered, "That won't go down," and a tussle began, which soon collected a crowd. Then TOWNLEY briefly concluded by charging that ALLEN had forcibly rescued the prisoner.

ALLEN being asked to explain, stated that he saw the crowd in the street and ran out, when he saw TOWNLEY, whom he knew, on top of a small man whom he did not know, and having a suspicion of the official character of TOWNLEY, and supposing the affair to be merely a fight, he had dragged the little man from under his antagonist. As a supplement and a further reason for his act, ALLEN said he knew TOWNLEY perfectly well, because he had once sent him and two confederates to Blackwell's Island, and further, that being a Deputy Sheriff himself, he could not possibly suppose that such fellows as TOWNLEY could hold equal rank with him as an officer of the law. Close upon the heels of ALLEN'S explanation came TOWNLEY'S declaration, that ALLEN was perfectly familiar with the person and history of FORRESTER, the rescued burglar, and Justice LEDWITH being by this time confused by these conflicting tales, the witnesses were called upon. They were sufficient in number, and had versions of such various patterns, that confusion became confused, but out of the entangling chaos finally oozed the interesting fact that the rescued prisoner had darted into the St. Bernard Hotel, and so far as could be told from the testimony, he was finally and irrevocably lost in the labyrinths of that noted hostelry, although it was asserted that a policeman searched the house and could not find him.

Finally Justice LEDWITH became convinced that ALLEN had been guilty of no worse offence than disorderly conduct, and ordered him to be discharged. The evidence had, however, shown that a vile epithet had been exchanged between the two persons claiming to be Deputy Sheriffs, and the Magistrate remarked that in the older and better days only the most pure and estimable men in the land were permitted to exercise the authority of Sheriff, but now the times are sadly changed. Then, characterizing the whole affair as nothing more than a row in the Sheriff's office, Justice LEDWITH dismissed accuser and accused from his presence.

A Velocipede Race—A Lady Rider in Brooklyn.

Last night there was an exciting velocipede race on Clinton-street, Brooklyn, the occasion being a banter between some gentlemen as to which of the party could go from THOMPSON'S saloon to Atlantic-street and back in the quickest time. The race was announced in the local papers, and an immense crowd of spectators collected on the street. At 9 P. M. only two of the party mounted their untamed fiery steeds, these two being Messrs. ROBERTS and FOLSOM. They started off at a good pace, and the former returned the victor, having ridden the distance, nearly half a mile, in four minutes, the other taking five to do it in.

During the afternoon between twenty and thirty velocipedes were on Clinton-street, some noted experts being among the number. CARLTON had a splendid Wood machine, and HUDSON one of WITTY'S new styles. PEARSALL was accompanied by a lady rider, who attracted great attention. Clinton-street is now the fashionable velocipede course on Saturdays. The racing, however, is an annoyance to all, and especially to the quiet class of velocipedists.

Close of the Poultry Fair.

The Fair of the New-York Poultry Society closed last evening. Yesterday several collections of poultry were sold at auction, at fabulous prices. Some of the birds that were brought from Ireland were bid off at over $300 per trio. The awards, consisting of numerous large and some small gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals, and other premiums, were declared publicly, at 2 o'clock P. M. A special award of a large gold medal was made to Dr. A. PRETERRE, of New-York City, who had his eccaleobeon in operation during the entire week, in which a large number of chickens were hatched. This incubator has been brought to such perfection, that a little bell will be rung, automatically, whenever there is either too much or too little heat for the eggs, during the period of incubation. As fast as the eggs are hatched, another little bell announces the fact that another chicken has merged from the shell and should be removed. This incubator has been in satisfactory operation for more than a year, and it attracted large crowds of visitors.

In the evening Hon. ERASTUS BROOKS delivered the closing address, in which he complimented the exhibitors and congratulated the managers on the success which has attended this, as he hoped the first of many larger and yet more successful efforts to cultivate an interest in the raising of poultry and preservation of game. After dwelling at great length on not only the adaptability of our extended territory to the raising of every variety of poultry, but also its profitableness, he concluded by saying, "We can, therefore, well afford to speak well and wish well to a portion of God's work so useful to man and so deserving of his wisest care. Of Him, also, who is not less the Father and Creator of us all, than the Author of all good, even of what we have seen before us the past week, we may most truly say: 'These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them meat in due season. When Thou givest them they gather it, and when Thou openest Thy hand they are filled with good. When Thou hidest Thy face they are troubled. When Thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.'"

The building was almost deserted, perhaps not more than fifty persons being present, and at the close of Mr. BROOKS' address the audience departed.

The Accident to Ex-Mayor Harper.

Ex-Mayor HARPER, who was thrown from his carriage Thursday, is still at St. Luke's Hospital. Up to last night no improvement had taken place in his condition. No bones had been fractured, but his brain had received a severe concussion, which induced a state of more than semi-insensibility. He partially comprehends what is said to him, but his speech is confined to ejaculations of pain. He is exceedingly restless. Mr. HARPER is 74 years of age, but has been strong in health and athletic for his time of life. It is uncertain whether he will recover.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

JAMES POOLE *alias* Jaconet, the colored man who was arrested in Philadelphia on a charge of having feloniously assaulted CATHARINE CARTER, a white woman, living at No. 158 West Broadway, as already reported, was yesterday brought to this City by Detective FIELD, of the Fifth Ward, on a requisition granted by Governor HOFFMAN. The prisoner was arraigned before Coroner FLYNN, who committed him for trial, an indictment having already been found by the Grand Jury against him.

JOHN SULLIVAN, aged 34, died suddenly yesterday at No. 96 Oliver-street, as did also CATHARINE FENNER, aged 35, on board the canal-boat *Bristol*, at the foot of Jay-street. Coroner SCHIRMER held inquests in both cases, and obtained verdicts of death from natural causes. The same Coroner held an inquest over the remains of JOHN HUESTAS, who died suddenly from natural causes yesterday at No. 120 West Houston-street. The *post-mortem* examination showed the cause of death to be disease of the heart.

The remains of an unknown man were found yesterday floating in the Harlem River, in the kills between Randall and Ward Islands, and removed to the Morgue for inquest and identification.

The Mayor's Marshal reports that he has during the past week issued 224 licenses, of which 10 were for express wagons, 42 for venders, 62 for carts, 97 for drivers, 4 for coaches, 2 for boarding-houses, and 7 for porters, and that the total amount received for fines and licenses is $323 25. The Marshal also reports that he has caused to be refunded to various complainants the sum of $97.

Mr. ALFRED VREEDENBERGH, Chief Clerk in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, reports that he has received the following amounts for taxes during the past week: Monday, $11,755 39; Tuesday, $13,606 70; Wednesday, $5,066; Thursday, $5,681 42; Friday, $5,358 95; Saturday, $3,616 93. Total, $40,085 39.

There was brought to the Morgue yesterday the body of an unknown man, five feet nine inches high. He wore a brown woolen jacket, dark vest, black pantaloons, white shirt, two gray undershirts and boots. The body, which was found near Harlem Bridge, was too much decomposed to be placed in the Morgue for identification.

Rev. J. B. MOORE, of Lawrence, Mass., will supply the pulpit for the free religious services in the Cooper Institute to-day, morning and evening.

On Tuesday next, the election for town officers takes place in Morrisania. The so-called regular Democratic candidate for Supervisor, fearing a defeat, owing to the popularity of the Citizens' Independent candidate, Mr. JAMES DICKSON, has placed a third candidate in the field. The name of the latter is Mr. SILAS D. GIFFORD. Mr. DICKSON is a good staunch Republican, a New-York printer, well-known not only in town but in Morrisania, where he owns property, and where he has resided for several years. His election is reasonably certain.

A row occurred yesterday afternoon on board the steamship *Lodonia*, at the foot of Burling-slip, when one of the seamen, named THOMAS NEASON, was stabbed in the abdomen with a dirk in the hands of STEPHEN JONES, the steward of the ship. JONES was arrested, and NEASON was sent to the New-York Hospital, where he remains in a critical condition.

Last evening the sale of boxes for the Ball of the Twenty-second Regiment, at Irving Hall, on April 1, took place at the armory of the regiment, on Fourteenth-street, near Sixth-avenue. The